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The Story So Far

To rescue the Eastern Osa, we rode to the Western stronghold and came face to face with the Western Osa, Shinno, who was waiting for us.

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But we arrived in failure, captured and sealed by the barrier-producing bakemono Maduchi.

Shinno suggested a wagered match, declaring that he would stop his attack on Hakumen if the Eastern representatives won.

So, Raishin, Kagari, and Tora faced off against the representatives of the West, the Kamaitachi Siblings. At the end of the fight to the death, the victory of the East settled the destined matchup.

But it was all a trap by Shinno to stall for time, as the Western bakemono army had already commenced their attack, heading out for Hakumen. But they won't be able to defeat it without the Beast Spear!

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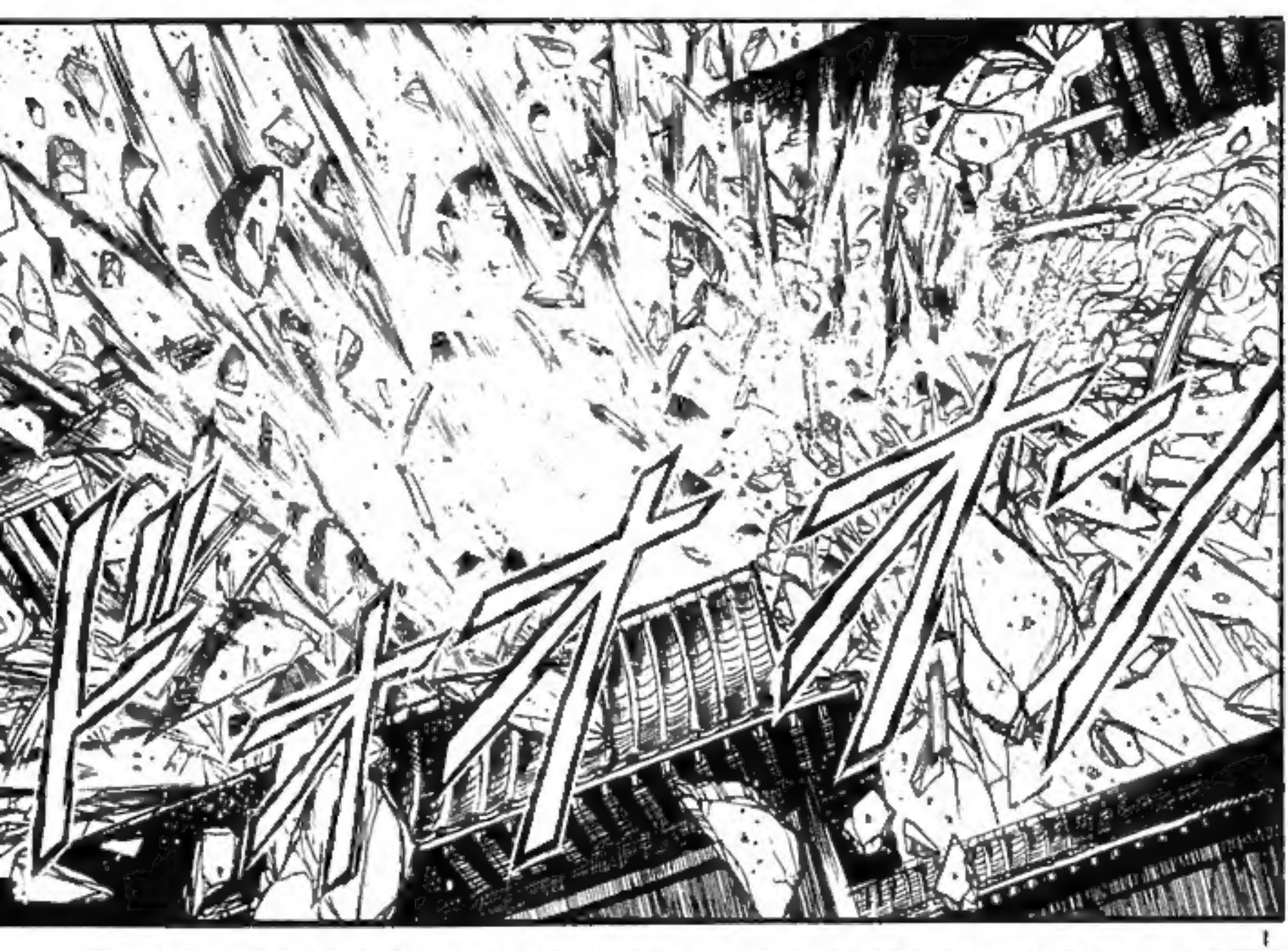
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Chapter 34 "The Western Bakemono War" Part 18 Simultaneous Advance

COME ON, GUYS~

YOU'RE PRETTY LAID BACK! WE ARE GOING TO HAKUMEN TO STOP SHINNO AND THE WEST-ERN BAKEMONO AFTER ALL!
OOO, WHAT A WAY TO FLY!

IDIOT! THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME AT ALL!

I'LL TRY MY BEST!

IZUNA, CAN YOU CATCH UP TO THEM?

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THEY'VE GONE FAR ALREADY!

SORRY~

I'M NOT USED TO POSSESSING THIS THING YET.

DON'T FIGHT! I'M TRYING TO FLY HERE!

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UGHN!

SETTLE DOWN, DAMMIT!

OUT OF FAMILY OF 75 IZUNA!

UNGH!

KIH!

I'M...AN EXPERT AT POSSESSION!

ALL RIGHT, THE POSSES-SION IS COM-PLETE!

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USHIO, LET'S GO!

KA GA RI!!

RI-

RIGHT! EVERY-ONE, LET'S GO!

!

HITOTSUKI, WE WERE TRAPPED IN A PRISON OF DARKNESS, MADE TO CORRODE THE LIMBS OF BAKEMONO.

WAIT TO RECOVER.

DAMMIT! I CAN GO-

USHIO... GO ON AHEAD!

WE CAN'T MOVE YET.

I'VE GOT IBUKI TOO. HE'S UNINJURED.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT! I'LL GO!

SOME HOW...WE TOO WILL-

BUT YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME.

LOOKS THAT WAY.

HEY, GUR-ASHI! WE'RE NOT GIVING UP! AND YOU CAN'T STOP US!

IT'S BEEN FUN, IBUKI! LATER!

HEH, GOOD RIDDANCE!

IBUKI, LET'S GO!

AH, YES.

IBUKI! WHAT HAP-PENED!?

AH!

OF COURSE HE USED HIS BODY TO OBSTRUCT MADUCHI'S BAR-RIER LINE DI-RECTLY

IBUKI... I'M SO SORRY...

I DID WHAT I WANTED. . THERE IS NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

AAAA AAH!

YOU'RE ALL COM-PLETELY WEAK!

TORA... YOU'RE STILL STRONG.

KEH, I'M USED TO IT!

USHIO! HURRY IT UP, LET'S GO SEE THE SHOW!

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF USHIO-SAMA FOR US.

TORA-SAMA...

WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NAGATORIMARU? YOU WERE THE ONE WORRYING OVER RAISHIN AND KAGARI!

KEH!

LISTEN UP! BAKEMONO ONLY THINK ABOUT THEM-SELVES!

YEAH, SO WHAT?

TORA-DONO, LONG AGO, YOU WERE CALLED RAIJUU, LIGHTNING BEAST, BY THE HUMANS.

HITOTSUKI, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR HEARING!

HMM, KEH!

"THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN LIGHTNING".

MY NAME IS RAISHIN ...

KEH

THE SEA!

WHICH SEA IS HAKU-MEN IN?

IZUNA, I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND...

AND THE SEA WHERE MY MOTHER IS.

WHERE HAKU-MEN IS-

BAKE-MONO KNOW...

SO TELL ME.

IT'S GENERALLY CALLED OKI-NAWA BY HUMANS...

YOU CAN SEE IT NOW.

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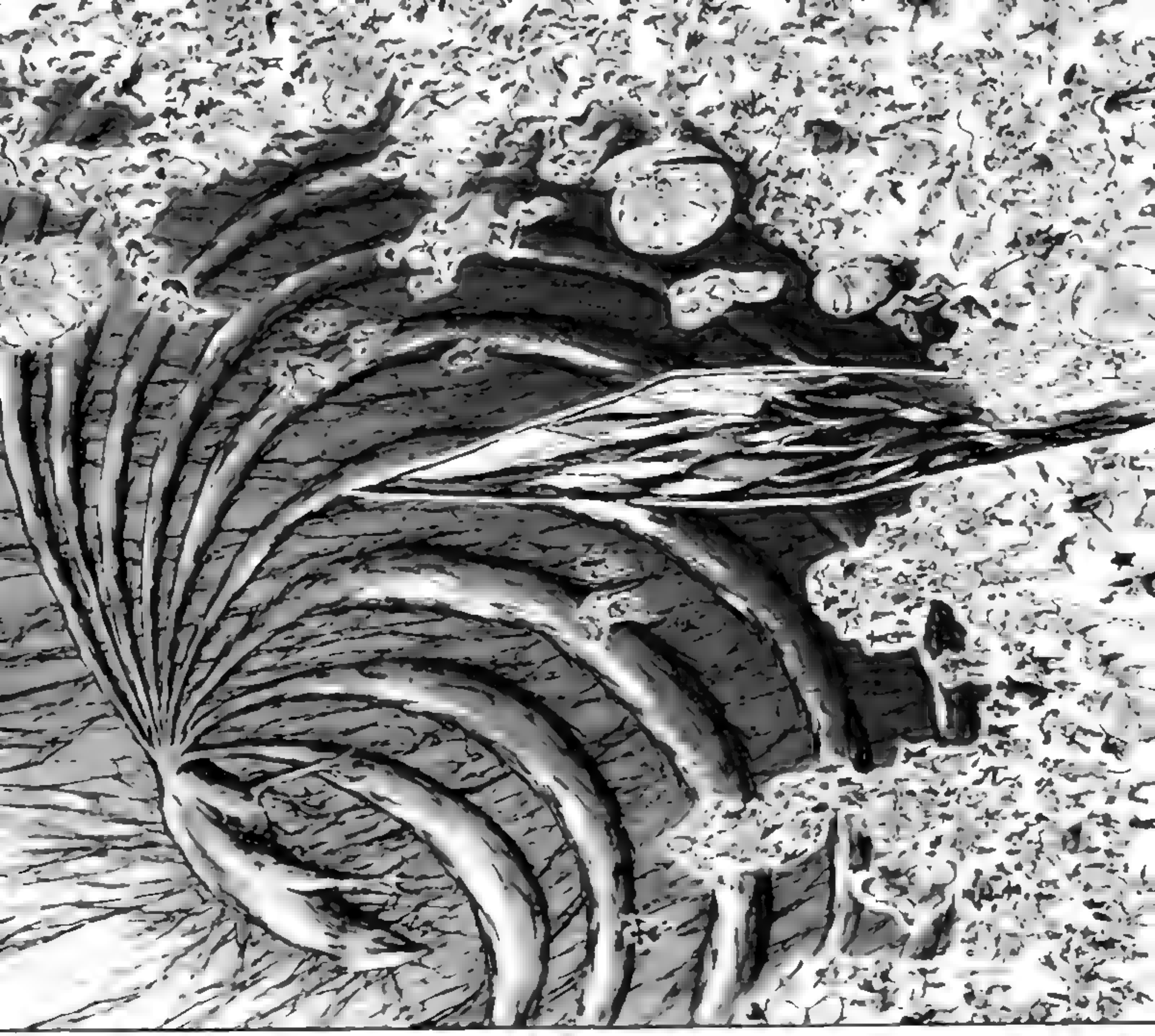
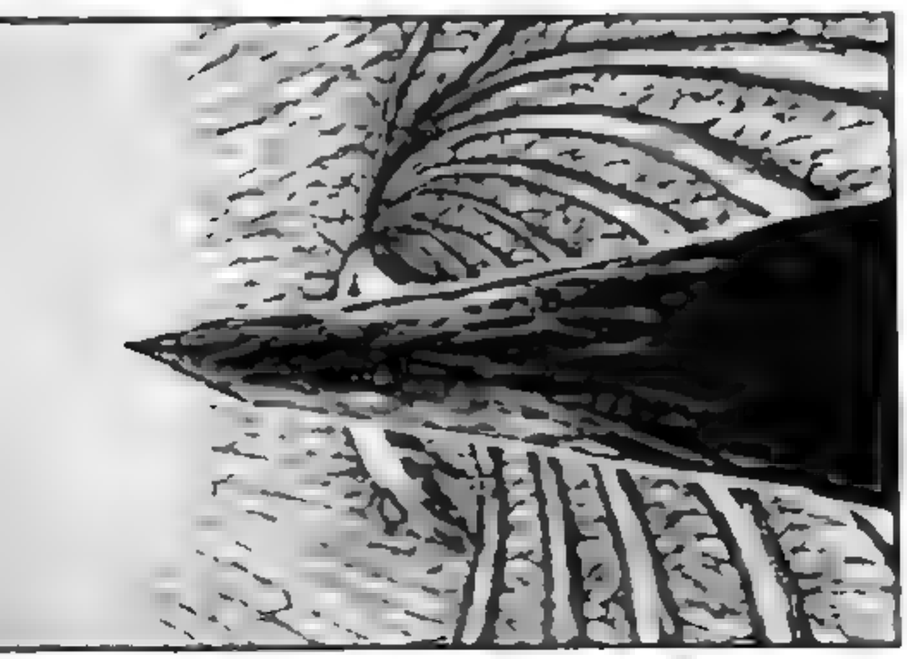
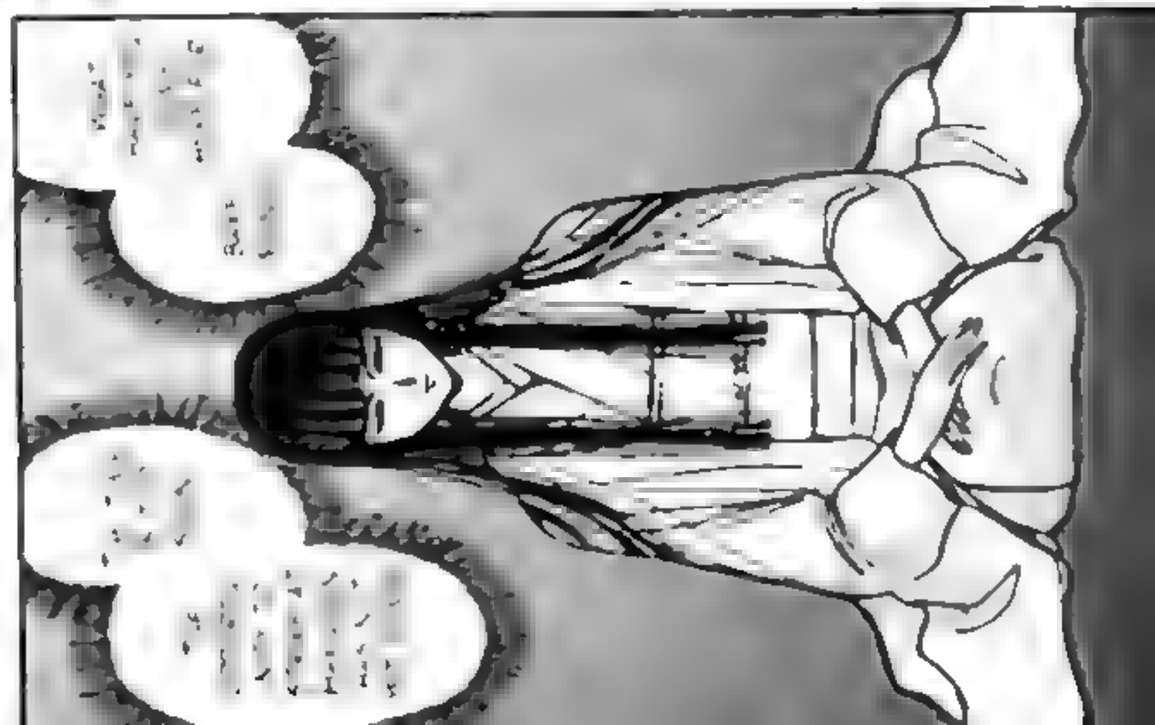
STRAIGHT AHEAD, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA...







EVERYONE, THE DAY HAS COME AT LAST.

THE HATED HAKUMEN, WHO WISHES TO DESTROY US BAKEMONO,

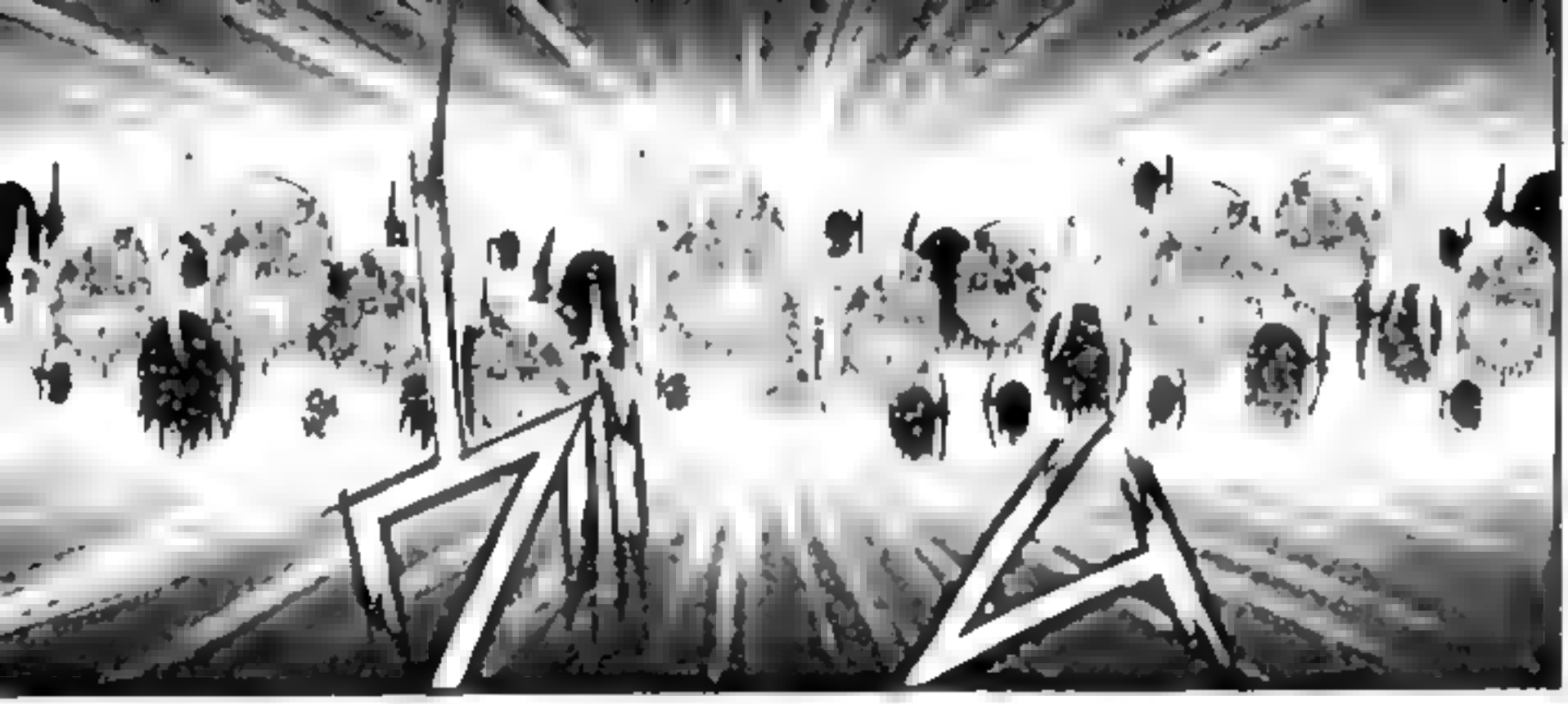
AND THE HUMAN WOMEN WHO PROTECTS IT.

THE SAN-DAIME*-

*THIRD TO HOLD THE POSITION

NOW, WE WESTERN BAKEMONO WILL CRUSH THEM UTTERLY!

MADUCHI, COMMENCE!!



THEY'RE TRYING TO PRIZE OPEN MY BARRIER FROM THE OUTSIDE!
HAKUMEN CAN'T BE AWAKENED NOW!

NO!

THE PILLARS HAKUMEN NO MONO HAS DUG INTO ARE ESSENTIALLY HOLDING UP JAPAN
IF IT FLIES FREE, THE COUNTRY WILL SINK INTO THE OCEAN!

KILL IT!

EVERY-ONE, TAKE IT!

DAMNED HAKU-MEN NO MONO!

WE HAVE TO GET THERE IN TIME!

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HAKUMEN MAKES THE FEAR OF OTHERS INTO POWER.

THE BEAST SPEAR HAS TOLD ME!

ALL THE FEAR OF HAKUMEN'S GREAT POWER IS, IN FACT, ITS GREAT POWER!

THEN HE CAN NEVER WIN!

SO IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW STRONG THE BAKEMONO OR HUMAN IS-

IF HE FEARS OR PANICS EVEN A LITTLE IN THE FACE OF HAKUMEN,

A BAKEMONO OBJECT WITHOUT ANXIETY OR FEAR- ONLY THE BEAST SPEAR!

THE BEAST SPEAR CAN WIN!

JAPAN WILL SINK INTO THE OCEAN!

AND IT MAKES US BE-SIDES BE-SIDES.

IF THEY MESSED WITH MARTIAN MEN.

SO THAT MEANS SO IT'S IN THE STONE PLA-QUES THAT HOLD UP JAPAN.

JEEZ~ THE WESTERN AND EASTERN BAKEMONO ARE AT WAR NOW~ THAT DAMN SHINNO IS SO BRAZEN!

THAT IS NOT THE PROBLEM! THE PLACE WE'RE LIVING WILL DISAPPEAR!

HEH. SO, IT'D BE EASIER TO FIGHT IT ABOVE THE OCEAN THEN.

BOOM BAM BAM

CRASH

HEH HEHN. THAT'S FINE WITH ME! I'M JUST GOING TO SEE SHINNO GET KILLED BY HAKUMEN.

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OI, USHIO! JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT THE BEAST SPEAR, YOU'RE ALWAYS DOING THIS TO ME

THAT'S RIGHT.

ANYWAY, USHIO~

THE ONE HOLDING THE BARRIER TO KEEP HAKUMEN NO MONO FROM FLYING FREE-

OOOO WWW-WWW!!

IT'S MY... MOTHER.

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YOU DON'T... HAVE THE BEAST SPEAR... YET....

NOT... YET...

YOU CANNOT DEFEAT HA-KUMEN NO MONO YET.

YOU CANNOT BREAK DOWN MY BARRIER!

KUH!

SLAM

I JON

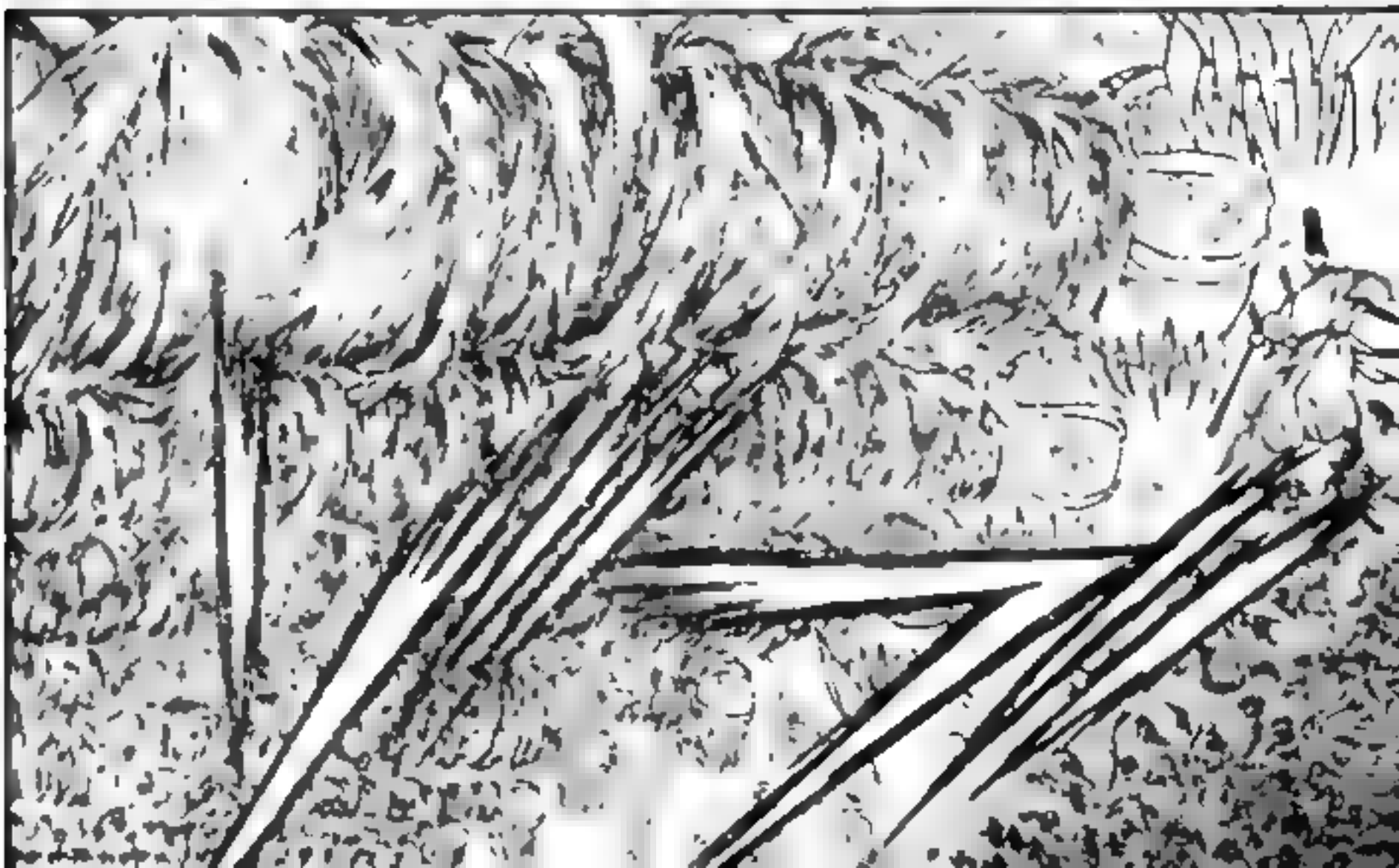
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BASE AND TURN YOU OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES. THEY'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.

I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BASE AND TURN YOU OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES. THEY'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.

ATTACK THIS SECTION OF THE BORDER!
NORTHERN FIRST THROUGH 40TH COMPANY FORWARD!

NEXT,
6'ST TO
THE TOOTH
COMPANY
ADVANCE!!

A SINGLE
FETTER OF
LIGHT CAN
SEAL ZRO
POWERS!!
FUN FUN
FUN
HAHAHAHA,
YOU STILL
CANNOT
MOVE



THE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF SEA WATER MADE OUR WEAPONS OF FIRE, ICE, AND WIND USELESS!

THE WATER!

HMMMPH, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO GET AT YOU FOR A LONG TIME, AND IT WASN'T ONLY BECAUSE OF THE HUMAN WOMAN'S BARRIER.

BUT, THAT IS AT ITS END!

MIDUCHI CREATES A PATH THROUGH THIS WATER!

SPECIAL FLIGHT COM-PANY!
FIRE COM-PANY! ICE STORM COM-PANY!
ATTACK!

IRIOMOTE ISLAND

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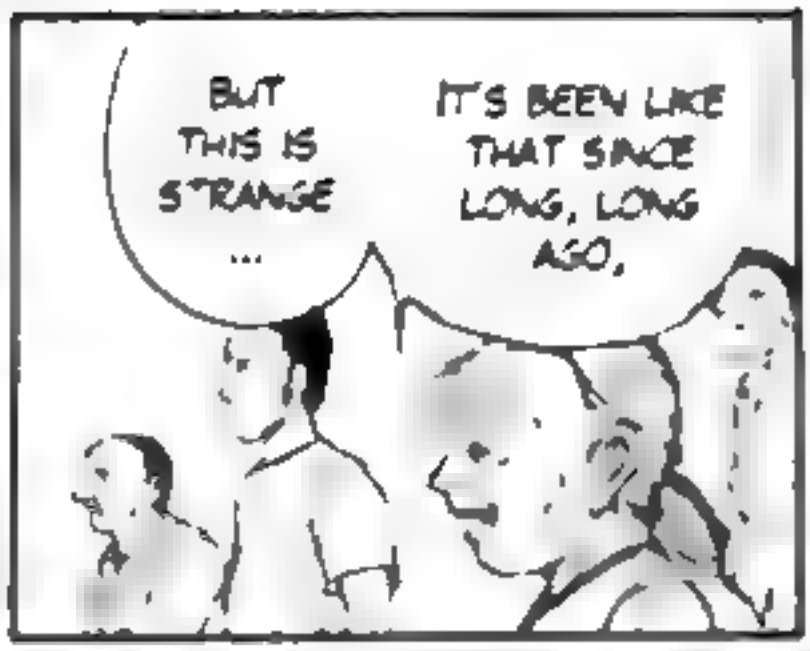
OVER THERE IS A PART OF THE OCEAN WHERE EVEN FISH DON'T LIVE.

AND THERE WAS A HUGE LIGHT RIGHT AFTER 1 O'CLOCK.

ALL THE FISH ARE DYING...

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?

AH-
WHAT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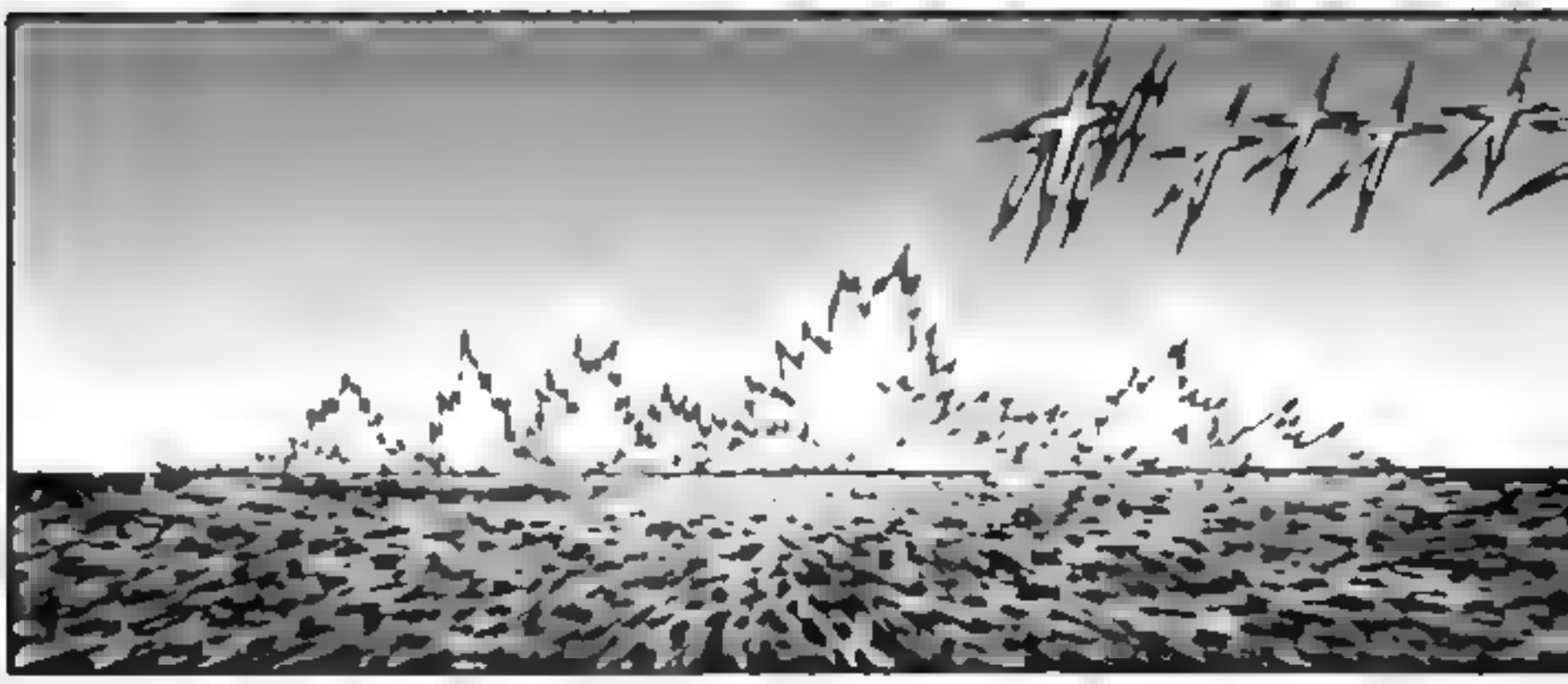
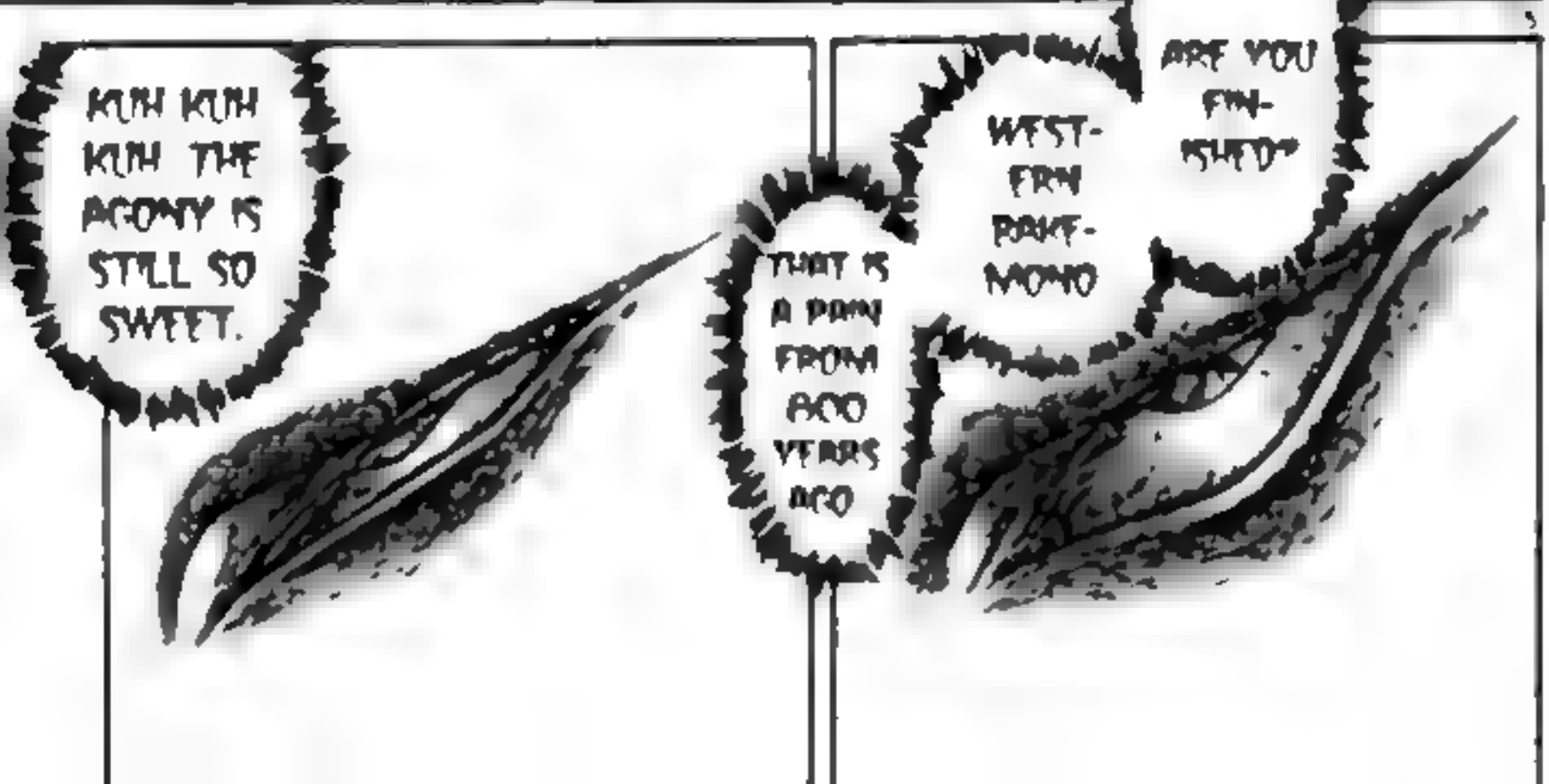
IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE LONG, LONG AGO.



THIS CAN'T BE.

HAVE NO EFFECT ON HAKU-MEN NO MONO!!


KUH KUH KUH THE AGONY IS STILL SO SWEET.
THAT IS A PAIN FROM AGO YEARS AGO
WEST-ERN DEVIL-MONO
ARE YOU FIN-ISHED?

BUT NOW IT'S MY TURN!!

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Hakumen no Mono's Counterattack

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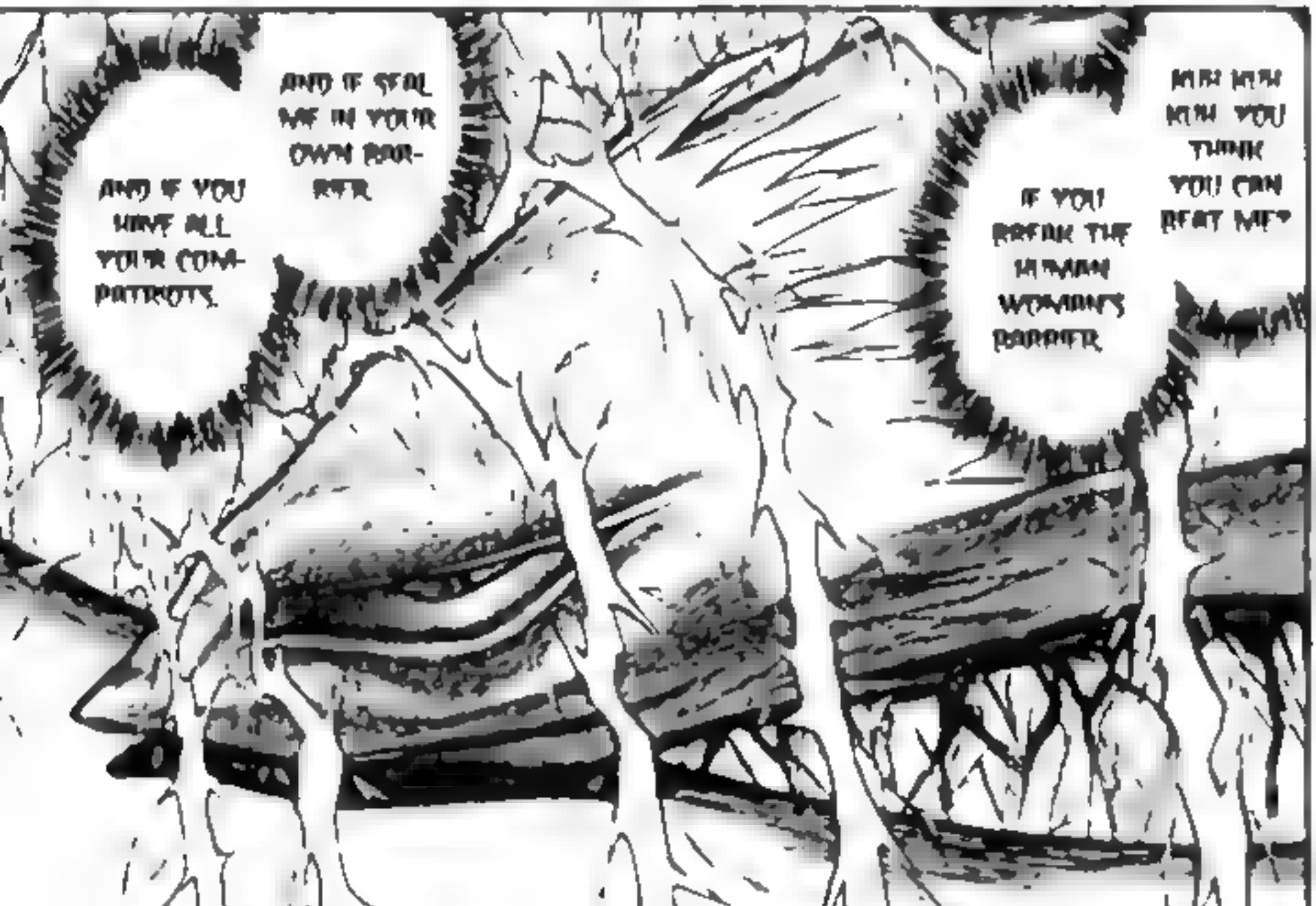
THEY CAN EACH SEAL ZTO RAKE-MONO-

BUT THE MADICHUS LOCALIZED BARRIERS HAVE NO EFFECT

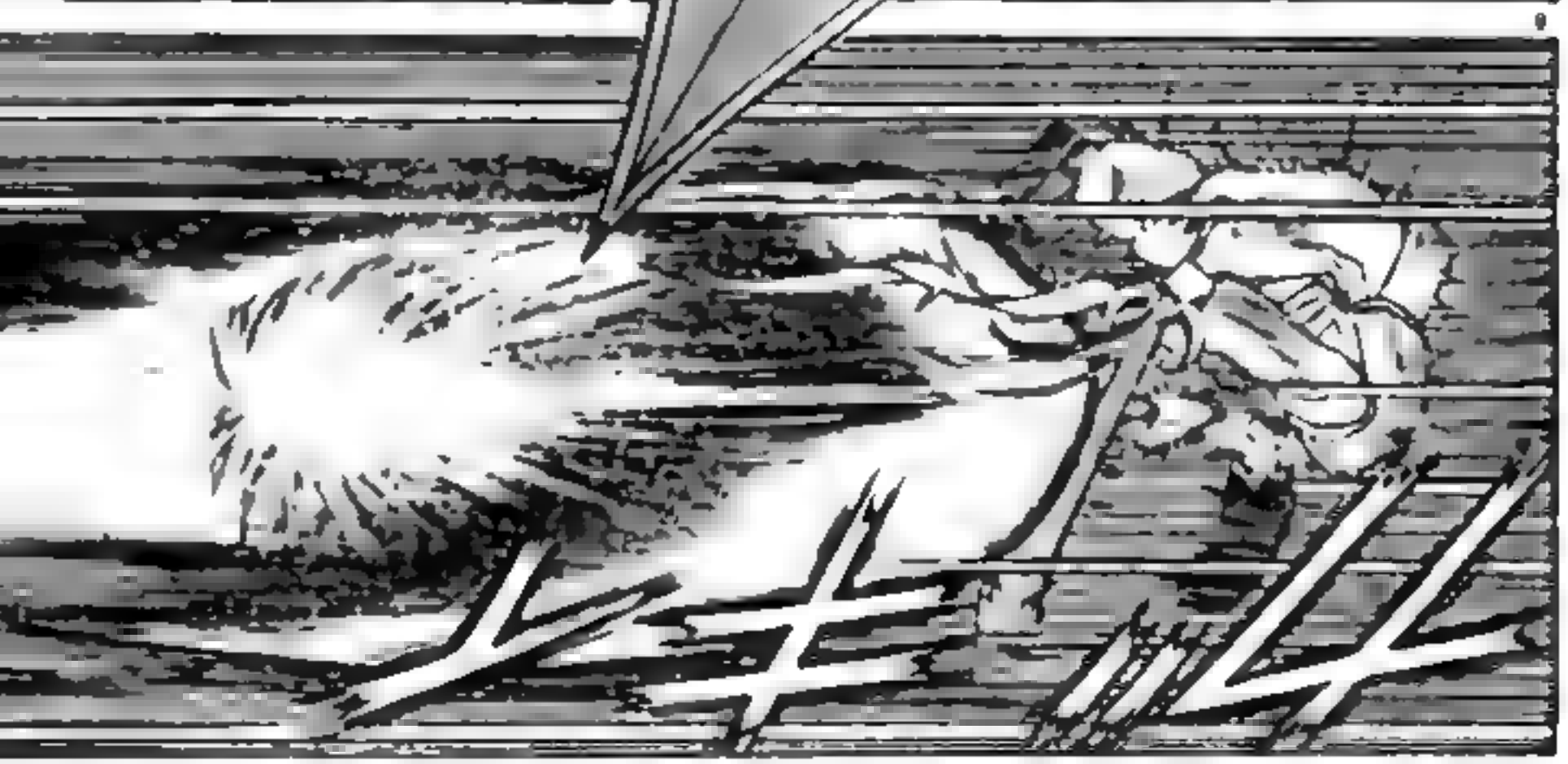
IT CAN'T BE
THAT CAN'T


AND IF YOU HAVE ALL YOUR COM-PATRIOTS
AND IF STAL ME IN YOUR OWN BOR-DER
IF YOU BREAK THE HUMAN WOMANS BORDER
HEH HEH HEH YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME?

BEAT HAKUMEN NO MONO!!

YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD BEAT ME!!

...
HUH



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DO NOT FALTER !!

IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE THAT ONE OF ITS TAILS HAS COME BACK TO LIFE!

SORRY TO BE LATE

GUR-ASH!

MADUCHI! HOLD FAST!

THE BARRIER IS STILL IN EFFECT!!

GO!!

I HAVEN'T BEEN SO ENTERTAINED FOR 800 YEARS.

HOW TRULY SWEET!

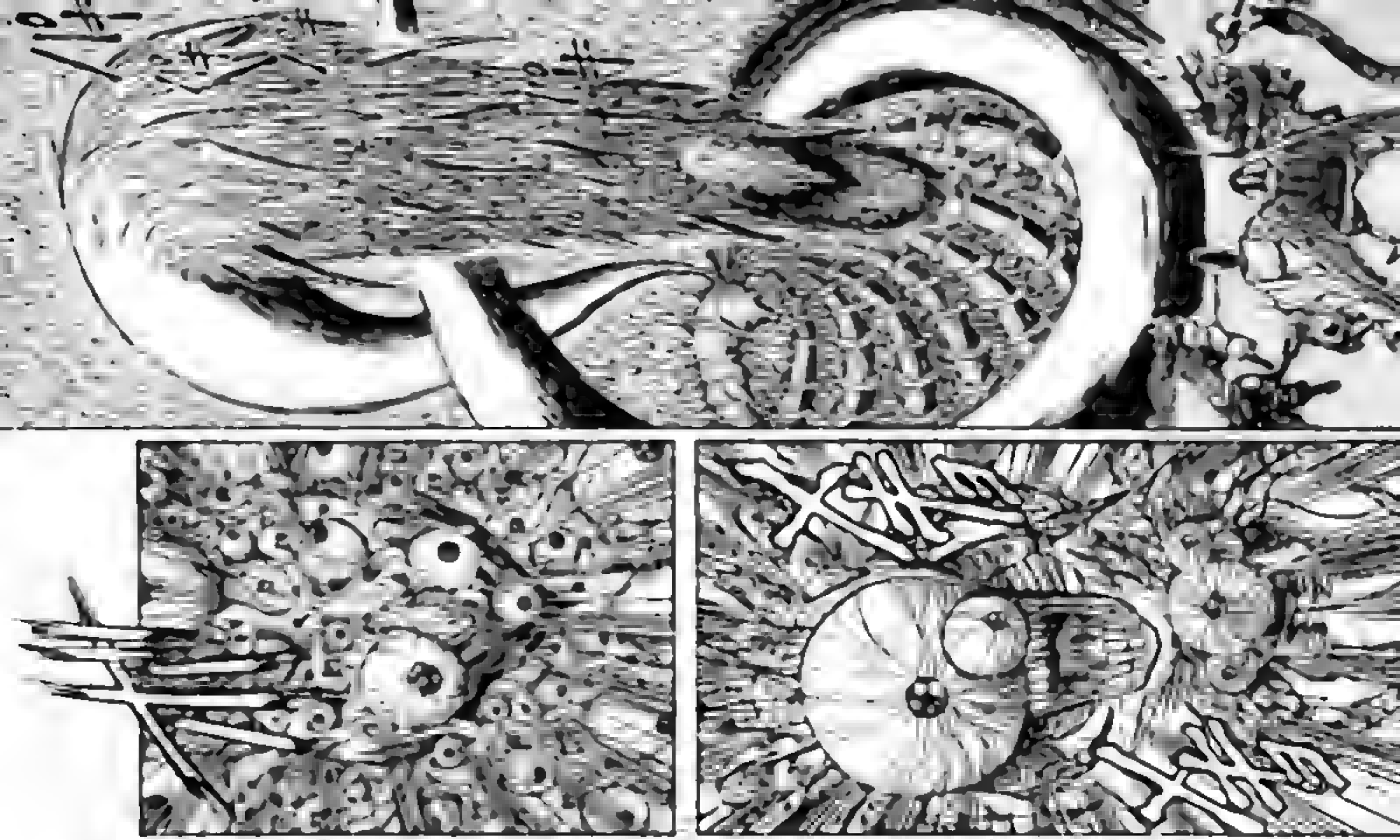
HOW PLEASANT!

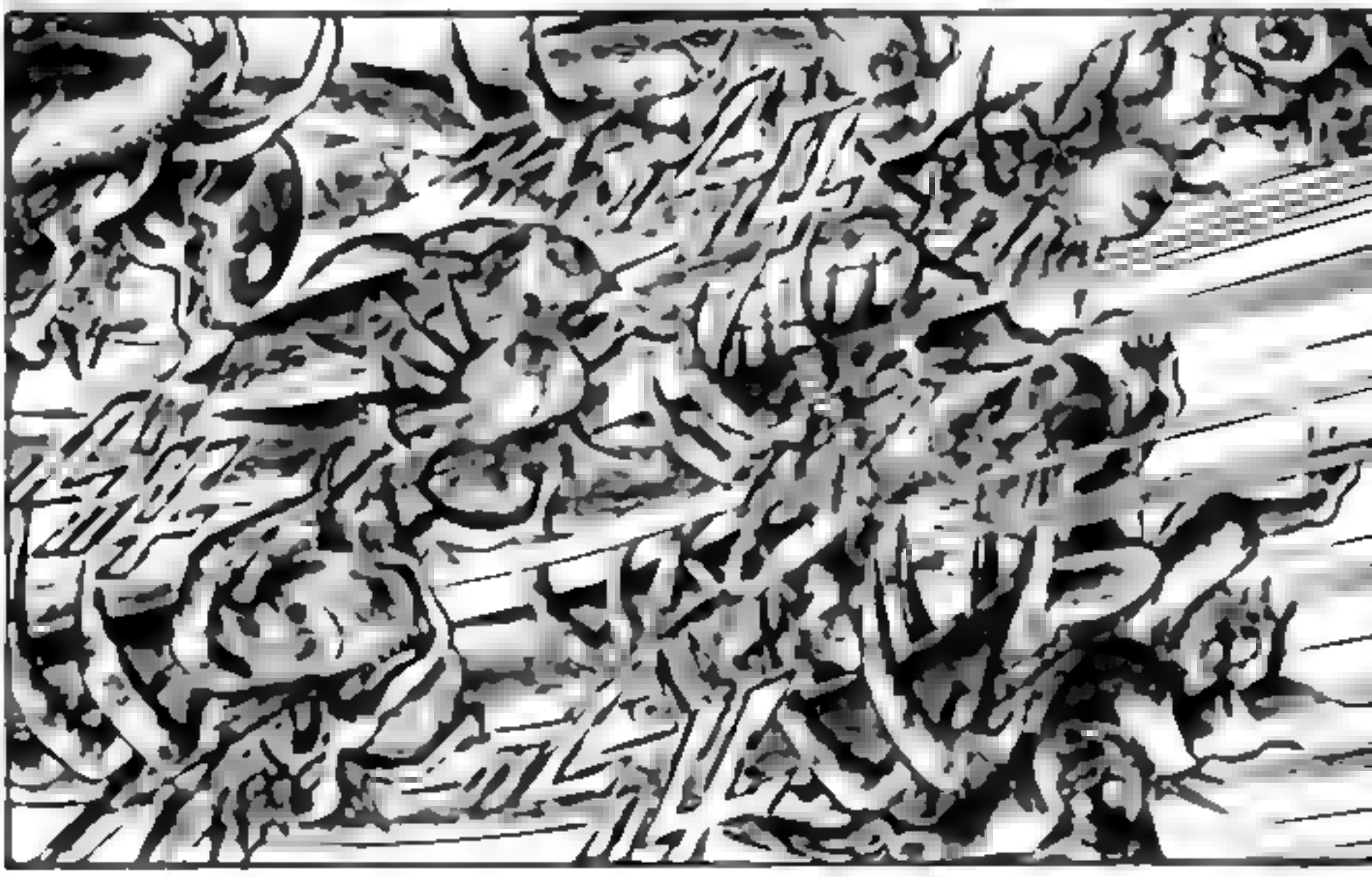
SO NOW, TRASH, I WILL HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH YOU

I SO ENJOY THE PAIN YOU GIVE YOU. WHO ARE WHY TO TRASH!

ARU!

ARU!





I CAN FEEL SOME-THING-

BUT THEY WILL NOT ALL BE SLAUGH-TERED LIKE THIS. WITH MY POWERS

TO OPPOSE HAKU-MEN ALONE.

THERE IS NO WAY FOR BAKE-MONO

SOME-THING COMING...

DAMN YOU!

DAMN YOU HAKU-MEN!

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT IT

SILENCE!

GUR-
RSH!

GUAH
!

WE
WILL
NOT
LOSE!

WE
CANNOT
LOSE
LIKE
THIS!

GEH
UH!

IT'S BEEN
FUN!

WESTERN
OIL
SHINO.
ISN'T IT?

NO!

I'LL BE CUT APART!

TEXT: BEAST SPEAR

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Hakumen's Memories

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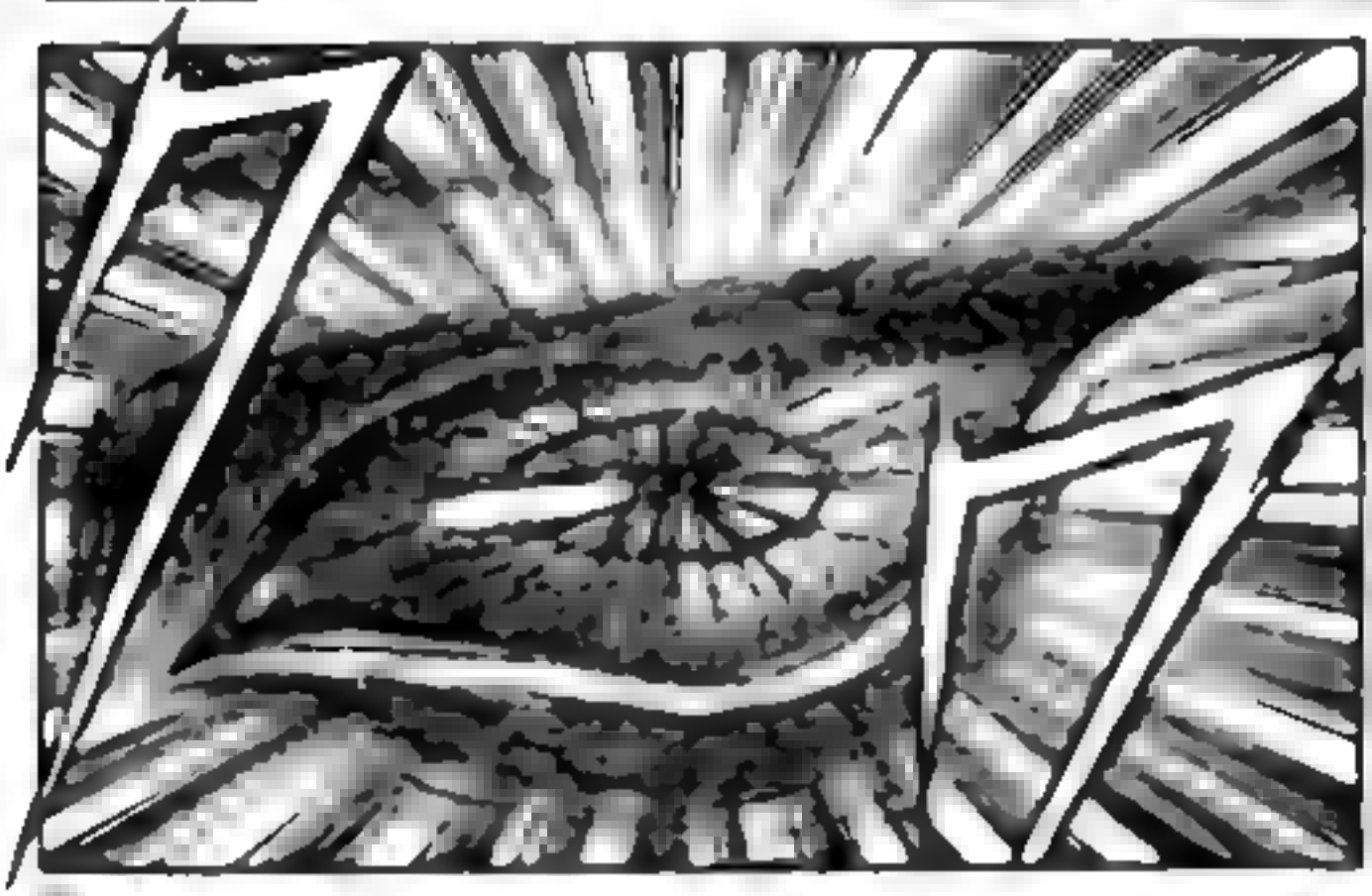


KAH KAH KAH! FI-
NALLY. WE
MEET!
KAH KAH!

AH! WE'RE TOO LATE!

THE WESTERNERS HAVE ALREADY ATTACKED HAKUMEN~

KEH! THAT'S JUST FINE, ISN'T IT? IT HAD TO HAPPEN SOMETIME.

BEAST SPEAR!!

SHIN NO RUH!

WE'VE GOT IT!

BEAST SPEEF-AR!!

BEAST SPEAR !!

BEAST SPEAR!

BEAST SPEAR !

USHIO !!

!!

USHIO ...

HE'S HERE ! I KNOW IT...

THOUGH A LONG TIME HAS PASSED THOUGH I'VE DESTROYED UNFORGIVABLE HUMANS AND DEMONOID

HAVE YOU!?

I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN A MOMENT!

I WON'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE!!

WHAT? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MIKO SAN!?

AH! IT'S POWER IN MY HEAD!

I, HA-KUMEN NO MONO,

OVER 2300 YEARS AGO,

I WAS NOT IN THIS COUNTRY BUT ELSE-WHERE.

I WAS CRUSHING ANOTHER COUNTRY FOR SPORT.

CHANGING INTO THE COUNTRY'S EMPRESS, I PLANNED TO ROT IT FROM THE INSIDE, BUT CHANGED MY MIND.

THE EMPEROR OF THAT COUNTRY WAS CLEVER AND TRIED TO DEFEAT ME!

I GRANTED HIM AND HIS COUNTRY DEATH ON THE SPOT.

HUMAN MISERY IS MY JOY! IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN SO.

I LEFT THAT LAND BEHIND

AS I WONDERED WHICH COUNTRY TO ANNIHILATE NEXT

I FLEW FOR A NIGHT AND DAY,

KILLING RAYMOND AS I WENT

SOMETHING IS COMING

A DARK-MOON?

NO, IT'S DIFFERENT

FROM FAR IN THE SKY TOWARD ME IT HAS ITS EYES ON

IN ANY CASE,

I WILL CRUSH IT WITH A SINGLE TAIL!

SOME THING WITH A DIFFER- ENT KIND OF POWER

I HAD NO DOUBT...

BUT...

WHAT!?

THAT WAS THE FIRST-TIME... SINCE THE CREATION OF THIS COUNTRY, I HAVE EXISTED...

DAMN YOU!!

OF THAT "SOME-THING"?

I COULD NOT STOP THE AD-VANCE

EVEN WITH THREE OF MY TAILS-

AND THOSE INSTINCTS SCREAMED AT ME NOT TO STOP-"

I HAVE INSTINCTS...

WHAT IS THIS PRES-ENCE!?

IT'S DESTROYED FIVE OF MY TAILS AND IT'S STILL COMING!

WHAT?

THAT WAS WHEN I FELT IT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I CAME INTO THIS WORLD!

YES, THAT TIME...

IF IT'S A BAKEMONO THEN I CAN STOP IT!

MY ACID TAIL CAN MELT ANY-THING!

AND BAKE-MONO ARE WEAK AGAINST MY IRON TAIL!

THE FEELING OF...

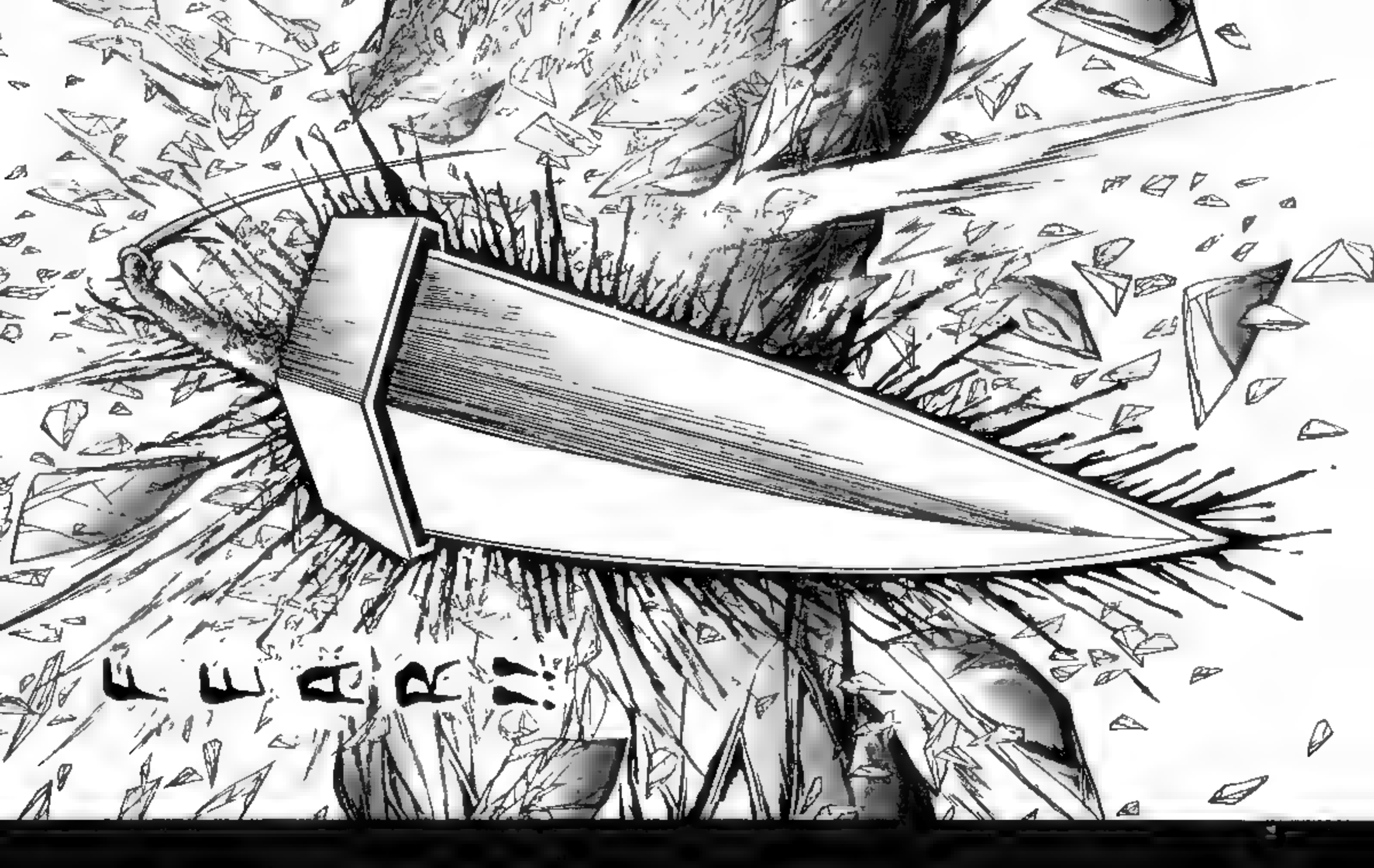
THE FEELING IT GAVE ME...

I'LL NEVER FORGET

WHAT THE HELL IS IT!?

WENT THROUGH MY IRON TAIL LIKE NOTHING!

THE THING


ESAE!

I SCREAMED WITHOUT THINKING!

UN-SIGHT LY-

LIKE A FOOL-

ALL I HAD LEFT WAS TWO TAILS!!

THE FINAL TAIL I TURNED TO LEAD AND CAUGHT THE SPEAR IN IT.

I HAD STOPPED THE SPEAR!

I LEFT THE SPEAR BEHIND, WRAPPED IN MY TAIL—

AND I RAN!

THEN I BIT OFF THAT TAIL!

I COULD NOT FIGHT IT! I WAS AFRAID AND I RAN AWAY!!

I, HAKU-MEN NO MONO!

I, WHO CURSE EV-ERYTHING! I, WHO EXIST TO DESTROY EVERY-THING...

I... RAN AWAY!

MUH !

HURRY, RUN!

SHINNO ...

USHIO! IT CAN'T BE... YOU'RE—

TO...RA... I CAN'T... CONTROL IT.

YES...

AND NOW, I CAN STAND BEFORE THE BEAST SPEAR AND FEEL ONLY THE JOY OF CRUSHING IT!

GAINED THE FEAR AND BECOME TEN-THOUSAND AND A HUNDRED-THOUSAND TIMES STRONGER!

BUT THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFER-ENT! I HAVE KILLED HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF HUMANS AND BAKEMONO SINCE THEN,

GIRYOU-
SAN'S...
NO-

THE BEAST
SPEAR'S
WRATH IS
OUT OF
CONTROL!!

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Part 22 Scream of the Beast Spear

I SAW IT IN ANCIENT CHINA!

JIE MEI-SAN SACRIFICED HERSELF IN ORDER TO DEFEAT HAKUMEN NO MONO!

THAT'S RIGHT! THE BEAST SPEAR IS GIRYOU-SAN AND JIE MEI-SAN!

INTO THE BEAST SPEAR!

GIRYOU COULDN'T STOP HIMSELF FROM CREATING THE BLADE FROM THE IRON IN THAT FORGE!

HIS FAMILY KILLED BY HAKUMEN, HIS SISTER JIE MEI JUMPING INTO THE FORGE TO CREATE A HOLY BLADE...

AS HE BEAT OUT THE BLADE... HIS BODY TRANSFORMED FROM HIS HATRED OF HAKUMEN ...

YES. JUST
AFTER THE
SPEAR WAS
BORN...

AFTER THAT, THE SPEAR FOLLOWED YOU, HAKU-MEN NO MONO.

THE BEAST SPEAR FLEW AWAY...

YOU COULDN'T FIGHT THE SPEAR DIRECTLY...

SO YOU LET YOUR BUNSHIN FIGHT IT.

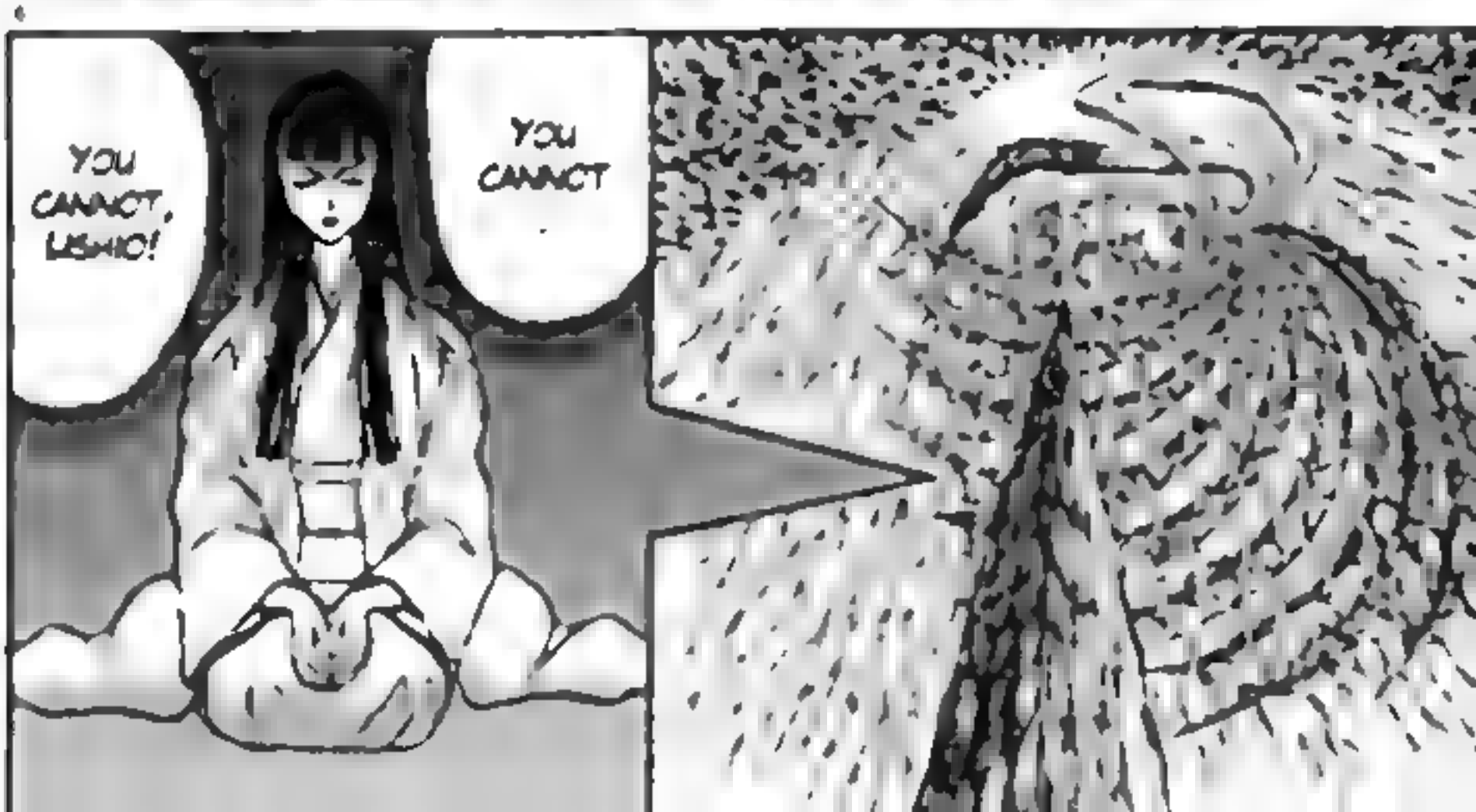
HOWEVER...

IT DESTROYED THEM ALL.

OF COURSE YOU FEAR THE BEAST SPEAR.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BEAST SPEAR!

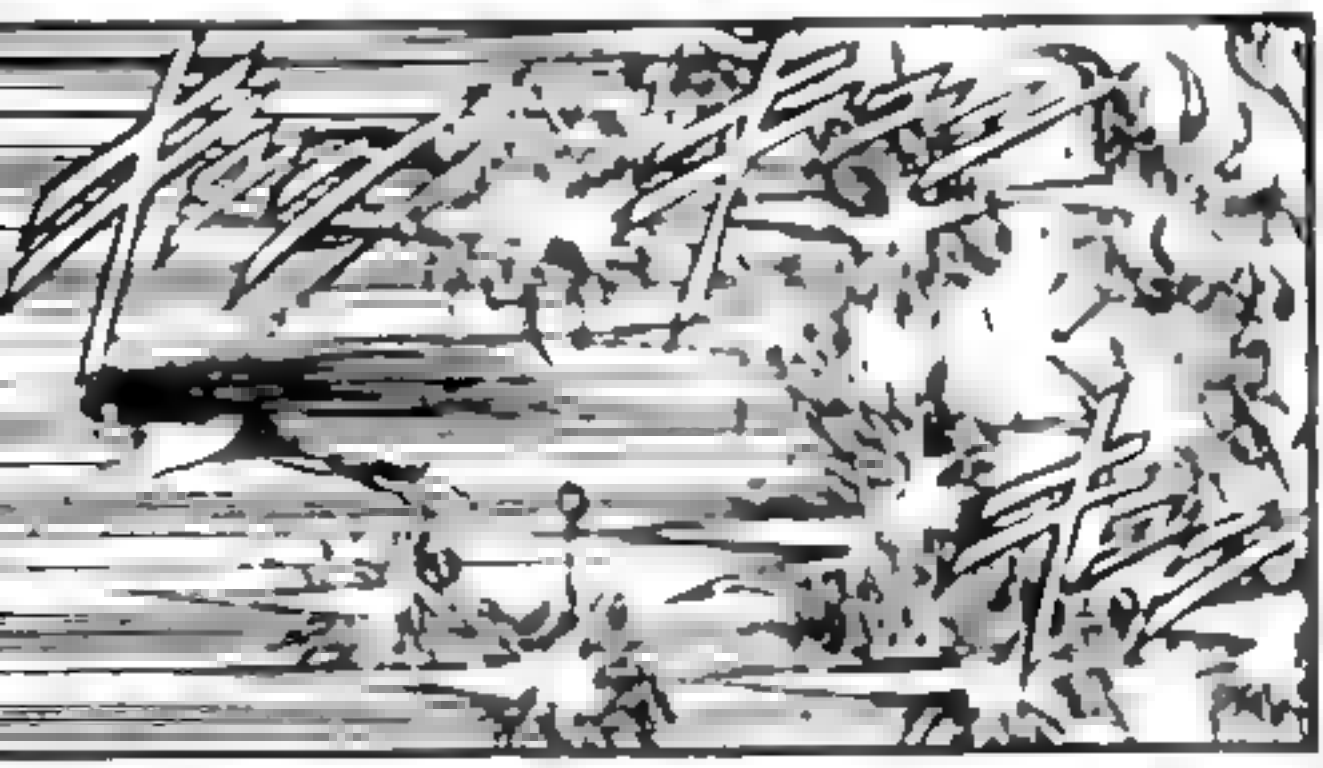
SON OF A-1
OSHIO! ARE YOU BEING POSSESSED BY THE BEAST SPEAR AGAIN!?


YOU CANNOT, LISHIO!
YOU CANNOT

FIGHT IT NOW!!

YOU CANNOT-

HEH



USHIO!
STOP FIGHT-
ING HAKU-
MEN!

I WON'T FORGIVE!

I WON'T FORGET!

I WON'T FORGIVE!

I WON'T FORGET!

I WON'T FORGET!!

HAKUMEN NO MONO!

YOU TOOK MY FATHER... KILLED MY MOTHER... IF I'M I DIED BECAUSE OF YOU!

I WON'T FORGIVE THAT HAKUMEN NO MONO

I WON'T FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

NOR WILL THE BEAST SPEAR!

HE'S DOING THIS MUCH AGAINST HA-KUMEN NO MONO, WHEN WE COULDN'T TOUCH IT

ALL RIGHT...

DO YOU SEE, SHINNO? THAT'S SPEAR THAT PINNED ME IS THE ONLY THING STRONG ENOUGH IN THIS AGE!

KEH!

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HERE I COME, HAKU-MEN!

SINCE I CAME HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL GET IN ON THIS!

THE BLOOD'S RUSHING TO YOUR AND USHIO'S HEADS! YOU'VE FORGOT-TEN!

AHH, WAIT! DON'T DO IT!

YOU CAN'T WAKE HAKU-MEN!

JAPAN WILL SINK!

IF HAKU-MEN NO MONO AWAK-ENS,

I WILL DESTROY YOU UTTERLY, HAKU-MEN NO MONO!

I'LL KILL YOU, HAKU-MEN!

TAKE THIS!!

FOOLS! IT IS I WHO WILL KILL YOU, BEAST SPEAR!!

DO YOU THINK I AM AS WEAK AS I WAS THEN?

OVER 2300 YEARS AGO, YOU HANDED MY RUNSUN AN EMBARRASSING DEFEAT!

IT IS ALIVE AGAIN!

I HAVE HELD THIS GRUDGE FOR OVER 2300 YEARS!

USHIO AND THE SPEAR ARE TOO ABSORBED IN THE FIGHT WITH HAKU-MEN

FOR ME TO STOP IT!

I CANNOT ...

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HAKUMEN NO MONO'S WRATH TOWARD THE BEAST SPEAR-

THE WEST-ERN BAKE-MONO HAVE OPENED A HOLE IN MY BARRIER!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP HAKU-MEN NO MONO UNDER CON-TROL!

IF THIS GOES ON, THEY WILL DESTROY MY BAR-RIER VERY SOON!

KA AH!!

CHI IH!

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Ji-

STOP THIS.

JIE MEI!

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Two Powers-Mutual Destruction

PLEASE STOP THIS, ONIISAMA!

STOP, USHIO AND TORA!

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SHODAI...

THE GIRL WHO SACRIFICED HER LIFE FOR THE BEAST SPEAR AND BECAME A SPIRIT TO WATCH OVER IT UNTIL THE END OF HAKUMEN

JIE MEI...

YOU...

YOU CANNOT CONQUER HAKUMEN WITHOUT A PLAN. ONIISAMA... THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO FIGHT.

"THE PATH OF STRATEGY FORMS FROM THE BASE OF A PLAN"-

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YOU'VE BEEN COMPLETELY BLINDED BY YOUR HATRED FOR HAKUMEN NO MONO.

2300 YEARS HAVE PASSED WITH ME WAITING FOR THIS DAY

I'VE WAITED FOR THIS DAY...

JIE MEI ...

I CANNOT BE STOPPED NOW!

KUH KUH KUH JIE MEI,

YOU CANNOT STOP THIS HUMAN BEING.

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU! I WILL KILL YOU!!

HAKUMEN NO MONO, PREPARE YOUR-SELF!

I WANT TO BEAT IT!

I ALSO WANT TO FIGHT HA-KUMEN!

THIS ISN'T LIKE WHEN I WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE BEAST SPEAR BEFORE

SOME-THING'S BOILING TO THE SURFACE

I CAN MOVE

ERASE IT FROM THIS WORLD!

DELIVER THIS PLAGUE INTO HIS HANDS!!

WE CAN!

IT HAPPENED IT AS I DID 2,000 YEARS AGO!

DO YOU THINK I AM THE SAME AS I WAS 2300 YEARS AGO?

FOOLS!

I HAVE BEEN THE STRONGEST BEAST-WOMAN

I HAVE ABSORBED THE ESSENCE OF MANY

AND I HAVE BEEN FOR TWO YEARS?

IS NOT ENOUGH TO FRIGHTEN ME?

NOW BETTER GET THAT BEAST SPEAR.

SHOW IT YOUR POWER!!

KAH KAH KAH! SHOW IT WHAT YOU'VE GOT, BEAST SPEAR!!

USHIO! ONII-SAMA!

TAKE THIS, HAKU-MEN!

OH.... NO...

THE BEAST SHEARS' AMAZ-ING!

YOU DID IT!

NOOO

THEY'VE
GOTTEN
FREE!?
THREE
OF ITS
TAILS-

DAMMIT !

BUT

BUT

HAKUMEN NO MOMO HAS GOTTEN STRONGER SINCE THE LAST TIME I CURSED AFTER HIM.

HAKUMEN! I WILL DEFEAT YOU!

ONIISAMA, THE BEAST SPEAR CAME FROM ME AS WELL.

IN THIS, I DO NO THINK AS YOU DO.

LET GO OF ME!

JIE MEI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

WHAT !?

BE-SIDES...

THIS IS NOT ONLY YOUR PROBLEM, ONIISAMA.

ALL BE-CAUSE YOU FOOLS THOUGHT TO DEFEAT ME!

FUH FUH... FUH HA HA HA...

VERY SOON, I WILL FLY FROM THIS PLACE!

YOU'R ATTACK

HAS LIT A SPARK IN ME!

NOW, WATCH ME FLY!

YOU'R STAR OF FACING ME

IT GRANTS ME POWER!

HAKU-MEN NO MONO... IS AWAKE!!

I WON'T EVEN LET MY RE-MAINING TAILS!

I WILL NOT LEAVE A SINGLE ONE OF YOU ALIVE!

JA-JAPAN ...IS GOING TO SINK INTO THE OCEAN!

HA-HAKUMEN IS AWAKE!

THEN... THERE'S NO...NO OTHER WAY!

...THEN...

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The Battle's End

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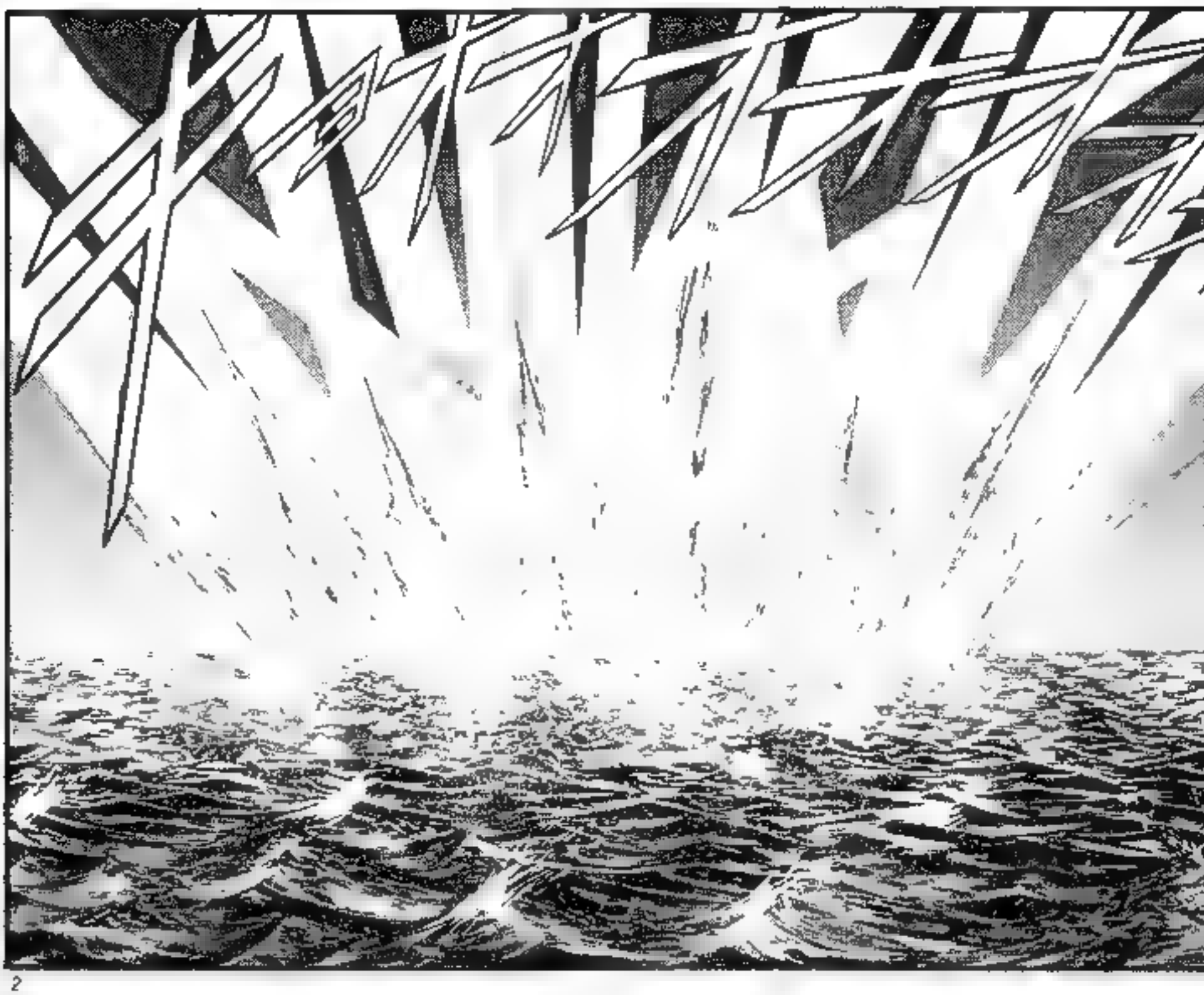
OKINAWA.
ISHIGAKI ISLAND.

AND THE RUMBLING OF THE OCEAN... SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST HAVE HAPPENED.

THERE WAS THAT BIG WAVE BEFORE,

DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE THE LIGHT OVER THERE'S GETTING BRIGHTER?

THIS IS GETTING WEIRDER AND WEIRDER!



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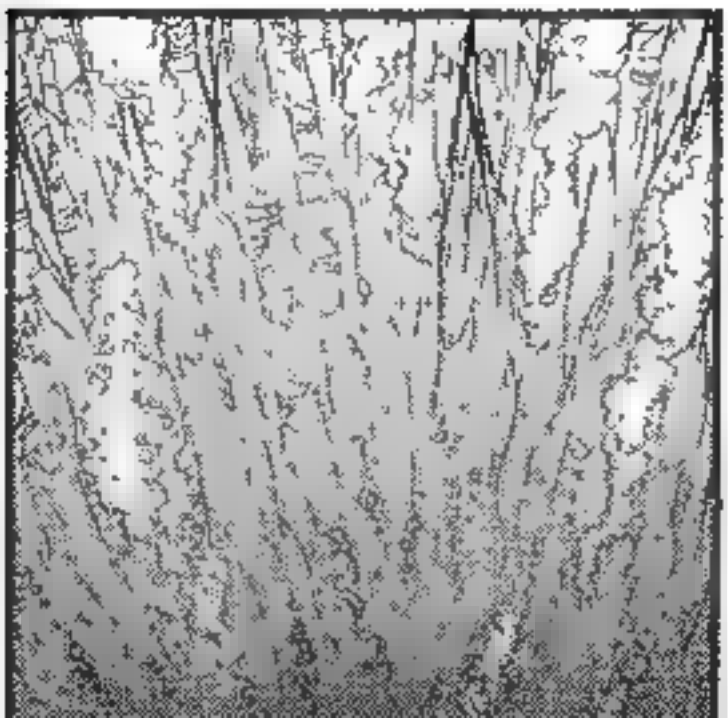
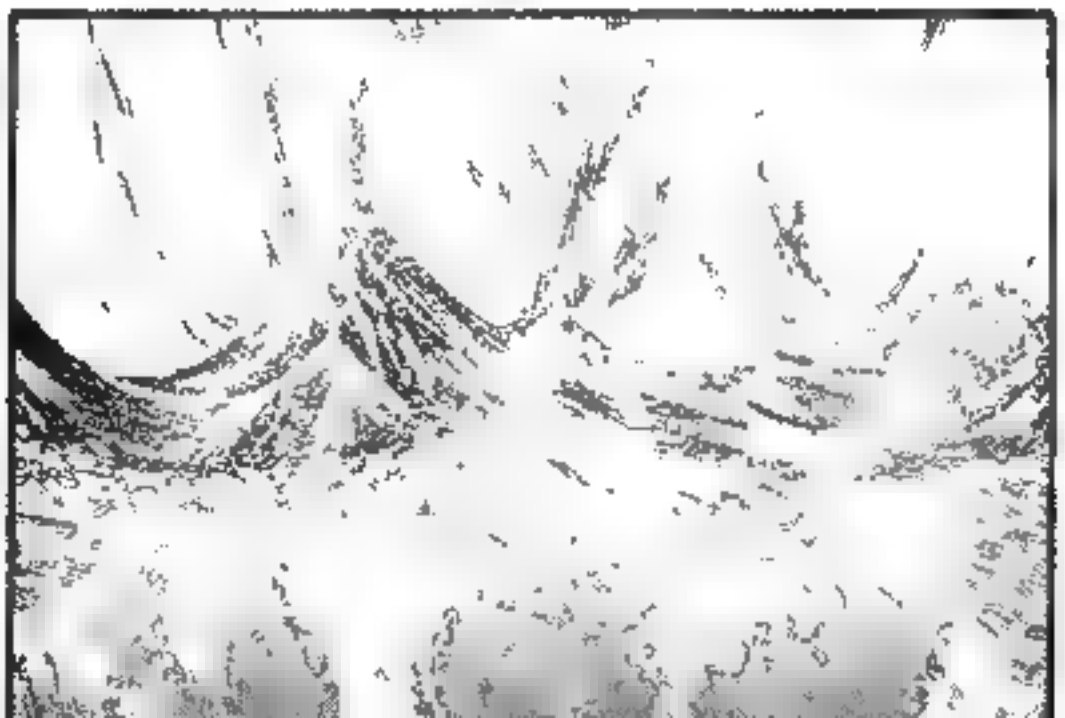




I APPRECIATE IT, BAKEMONO!!

FOR ALLOWING ME TO SOON LEAVE THIS PLACE

FOR OPENING HOLES IN THE BARRIER THAT BOUND ME

THE WORD FITS MY CURRENT FEELING.

KUH KUH KUH KUH. HUMANS HAVE A WORD CALLED "GRATITUDE"...

IT'S JUST AS THE EASTERN OSA SAID!!

YOU ALL THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT IT ON YOUR OWN?

WH WHAT IS IT SAYING?

THAT OUR AC-TIONS GAVE IT THE POWER TO

HUH? WHAT'S THAT?

AH!

HEY, WHEN IT BREAKS THROUGH THAT HUMAN WOMAN'S POWERFUL BARRIER, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A HUGE AMOUNT OF POWER!!

KEH! WHO CARES IF HAKUMEN GETS FREE!

WE'LL KILL IT ABOVE THE WATER!

WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS!

IF WE GET CAUGHT IN THE STORM THAT'S CREATED WHEN THOSE TWO POWERS COME TOGETHER-

THIS IS WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF WE'RE OUTSIDE MABUCHI BARRIER!

OOAP!

I'LL KILL YOU SOON ENOUGH!

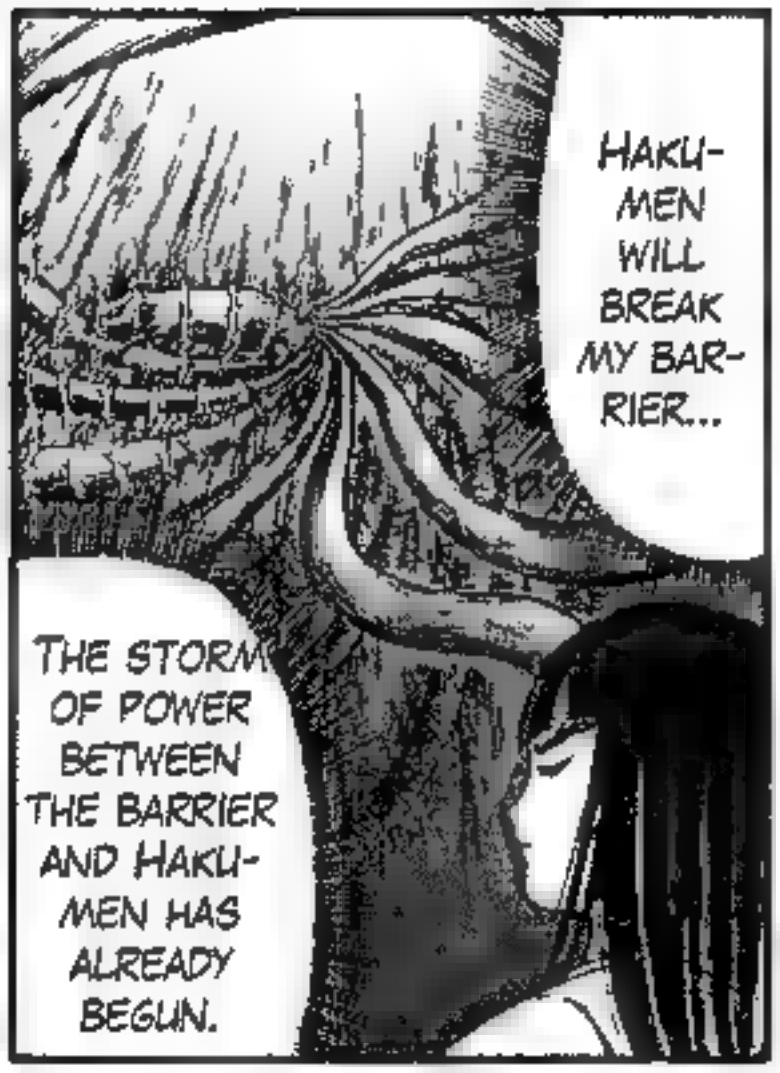
FUH FUH FUH! GO AHEAD AND ESCAPE, BAKE-MONO!

TO SEE THE BARRIER YOU'VE HELD FOR SO LONG CRAWLE AWAY-

I WANT YOU TO SEE!!

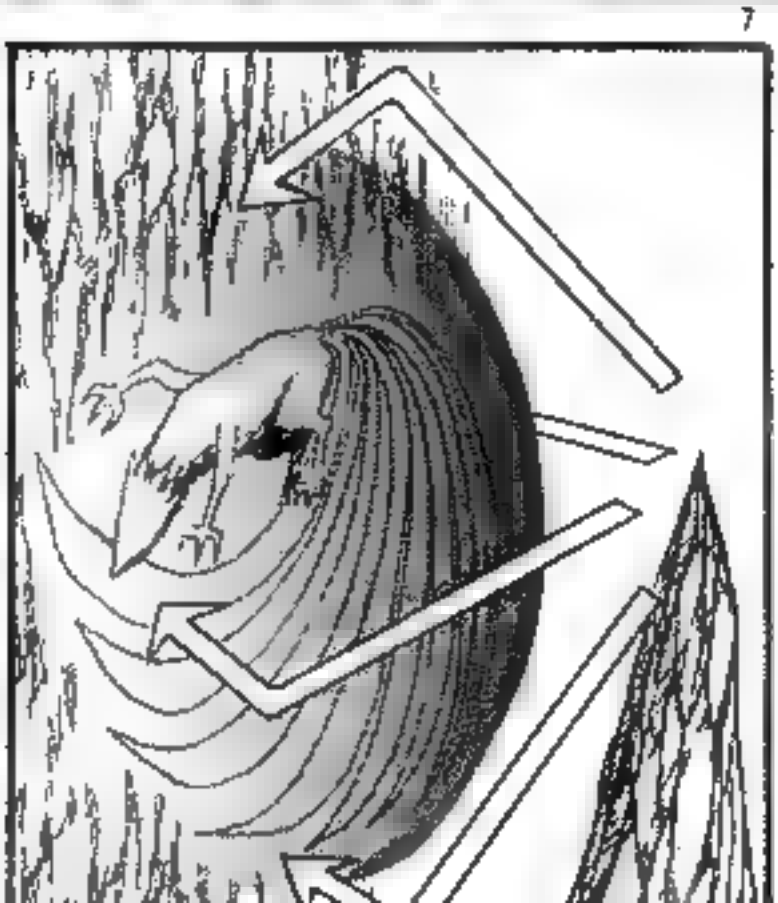
SUMAKO !!

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN HAKUMEN WILL ESCAPE.
SO,
THERE IS JUST ONE WAY REMAINING.


HAKUMEN WILL BREAK MY BARRIER...
THE STORM OF POWER BETWEEN THE BARRIER AND HAKUMEN HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

AND CAPTURE HAKUMEN IN THE BARRIER AGAIN.
I WILL GATHER ALL MY POWER TO CONTINUE THE BARRIER IN AN INSTANT

HOWEVER, IF I RELEASE THE MAJORITY OF MY POWER LIKE THIS-
I'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO HOLD THE BARRIER FOR ANOTHER 4 MONTHS.



TO SAVE HIM...

TO SAVE THE BAKE-MONO...

IT'S THE ONLY WAY!

BUT...THERE IS NO ONE WHO CAN DEFEAT HA-KUMEN NOW.

BUT... MAYBE...

MAYBE, IF YOU ARE THE PERSON I BELIEVED YOU'D BE...

I DO NOT KNOW...HOW YOU GREW UP...

USHIO !

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THAT WILL BE YOUR CHANCE, USHIO! USE IT!!

EVEN IF MY WORDS DON'T REACH YOU.

THEN IT WILL NOT BE A MISTAKE TO DO THIS.

ITS CON-SCIOUSNESS WILL BE LOOSED FROM MY BARRIER FOR AN INSTANT...

WHEN I STRIKE HAKU-MEN WITH POWER,

JIE MEI!

LET GO! HAKUMEN IS RIGHT THERE!

AAAAH, DAMNED HAKU-MEN!!

JIE MEI, DON'T STOP ME!!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU DIED, GAVE UP YOUR BODY TO CREATE THIS SPEAR!?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? FATHER'S REGRET, MOTHER'S CRUEL DEATH!

OPEN YOUR EYES, ONIISA-MA!

AND SO, NOW, I CANNOT LET THE SPEAR ACT AS YOU WISH, ONIISAMA.

WHEN I JUMPED INTO THE FORGE, MY BODY BECAME THE IRON TO MAKE THAT SPEAR.

EVEN IF USHIO IS PULLED ALONG BY YOUR HATRED, HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH, DOES HE?

NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE BEAST SPEAR IS, IT CANNOT DEFEAT HA-KUMEN ON ITS OWN.

MOVE!

JIE MEI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

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I WILL CONTROL ONIISAMA. RETURN TO YOURSELF.

USHIO

AND FOR TODAY I'LL...

LET GO!

...F-

GARGOUL'S VOICE IS GONE FROM INSIDE MY HEAD.

SO THERE WON'T BE MUCH NEED. WILL THERE!

IN THE EXPLOSION OF MY ESCAPE, THESE TWO HUMANS WILL BE BLOWN AWAY.

AND THIS TIME, I WILL SMASH YOU TO PIECES!

BEAST SPEAR- I WILL BE FREE.

YOU IDIOT! RUN!!

USHIO!

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RETREAT!

IF HE DOESN'T HURRY, HE'LL BE CAUGHT UP IN THE STORM.

WHAT IS THAT MORON DOING!?

THERE'S NO WAY TO WIN!

BUT... HOW?

WE'LL MEET HAKUMEN IN THE AIR!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING!? YOU HAVE TO RUN!

GUR-ASH! ...

SHIN-NO-SAMA, HURRY!

USHIO ISN'T COMING BACK!

CHIIH! THIS MADUCHI'S CRACKING!

IT CAN'T GO ANY FUR-THER!

KO!!!

WHAT!?

!

USHIO- COME ON, MOVE IT!

I CAN'T EAT YOU IF YOU'RE BLOWN APART!

YOU CAN'T! YOU CAN'T MAKE IT THERE!

WHAT!? SHINNO- SAMA!

I'M GOING IN ALONE.

GURASHI, GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME.

WAIT, SIR!!

GIVE ME A FRESH MADUCHI. IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD A BARRIER INSIDE THE STORM FOR A FEW MIN- UTES.

I, SHINNO, WILL LOSE NO MORE FACE.

OSA...

THE DIVIDE BETWEEN US ALL. ALL THIS... IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.

I UNDERSTAND... THE BEAST SPEAR MUST BE IN THE BATTLER AGAINST HAKUMEN...

SHINNO ...

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I WILL BRING HIM BACK.

THIS IS THE HUMAN WOMAN'S BARRIER AND HAKUMEN'S POWER IN CONFLICT?

THE STORM'S SO POW-ERFUL!

AOT-SUKI!

WELL, LET'S GET OUT NOW!

THANK GOOD-NESS... I CAN'T MOVE INSIDE THIS STORM.

...SHINNO... YOU CAME... TO GET ME?

AOTSUKI, ARE YOU AND THE BEAST SPEAR OKAY?

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OKAY.

WHAT'S THERE ARE A FEW

HOW MANY MAGUCHI DO YOU HAVE INSIDE THIS STORM?

I, MIGHTY-WEW, AM COMING FOR YOU! ALL!

I'LL HOLD HIM HIM HIM HIM I'M COMING FOR YOU! WOW RIGHT WOW!

HERE IT COMES

ROT-STORM

I WILL RAZE YOU ALL TO THE GROUND!

YOU ...

YOU ...

SO, YOU CAN STILL MOVE, BEAST SPEAR!

UWAH!

UHHH!

TO COVER OUR RE-TREAT!?

YOU STAYED BACK HERE...

BUT I THINK WE CAN DO IT IF WE WORK TOGETHER.

YES...

YOU CAN'T BEAT HAKUMEN ON YOUR OWN...

NOW YOU SEE...

USHIO... AOTSUKI...

TO MY BARRIER!

TURN IT...

LIKE THAT, HAKUMEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS

YES, USHIO

THEN STAY RIGHT THERE!

BUT YOU WISH TO BE DE-STROYED HERE AND NOW?

IF YOU CAN...

YOU WILL REMAIN HERE!!!

HAKU-MEN! JUST A LITTLE LONGER!!

KYOU! DEFIANCE

L...

HAVE IT!

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Beyond the Storm

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WOMAN! HOW DO YOU STILL HAVE POWER TO DO THIS!?

T-TRAPPED AGAIN!!

I'M CAUGHT UP AGAIN IN A NEW BARRIER!?

WHAT!?

A LITTLE MORE AND I'D FLY FREE!

JUST A LITTLE MORE ...

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IF IT BREAKS, IT WON'T PROTECT US FROM THE POWER RAGING IN THIS STORM!

UWAAH! THE MADU-CHI-

IT'LL ALL BE ALL RIGHT... SO LONG AS I DE-STROY YOU!!

DAMN YOU, WOMAN!!

IS MY MOTHER ...

IN...INSIDE THIS PILLAR...

I DON'T KNOW HER FACE...

NEVER EVEN SPOKEN TO HER..

BUT MY MOTHER.. IS MY MOTHER..

DAMMIT! I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH HER!

UOOOH! NOW MADUCHI'S BARRIER IS -

KUPA AH!!

SCATTER LIKE DUST!!

WE'RE IN TIME~

IZUNA !

TO RA!

MUUH! DAMN YOU! I RE-MEMBER YOU!!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HAKU-MEN... 800 YEARS, WASN'T IT?

WHEN WE CAME TO THIS LAND, I FOUGHT YOU WITH ALL THOSE HUMANS AND BAKE-MONO.

BUT BEFORE THAT... I MET YOU IN ANCIENT CHINA, BAKE-MONO!

YEAH, MUCH OBL-IGUED ABOUT THAT.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN AT ANOTHER PLACE...

SO YOU SAY...

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHEN I AM FINALLY RESURRECTED, YOU WILL BE THE FIRST THAT I WIPE FROM THIS EARTH.

BUT REMEMBER THIS WELL.

IT SEEMS THAT I AM SEALED HERE FOR THE MOMENT.

THE CHOSEN OF THE SPEAR!!

AND THE WOMAN'S SON-

BAKEMONO!

KUH KUH!!

YEAH.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

LONG AGO, WHEN I DESTROYED THE DYNASTY OF CHINA, YOU WERE THE HUMAN THAT STOOD BEFORE ME.

I REMEMBER NOW!

IF...IF OUR MA-DUCHI IS DE-STROYED...

NONE OF US WILL GET TO THE SUR-FACE...

KUUH! HAKU-MEN'S FINAL RESIS-TANCE-

IZU NA!

UGH... UGHH...

SORRY GUYS!

UWA AAH!!

WE'RE BEING BLOW DWBY-

SUNKEN- SOMAR, I'M SORRY

TOO BAD THE SURFACE WAS SO CLOSE

HOLD STEADY, EUROSHI!

LORIMOR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

EVEN YOU, MUST SEE IT NOW

THE ODDS WILL

NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR RAVENMOND TO BE AT ODDS.

THE FIRST-FRUIT RAVEN-MOND!

GUEH!

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THEN IZUMA, YOU MEAN-

WH AT ?!

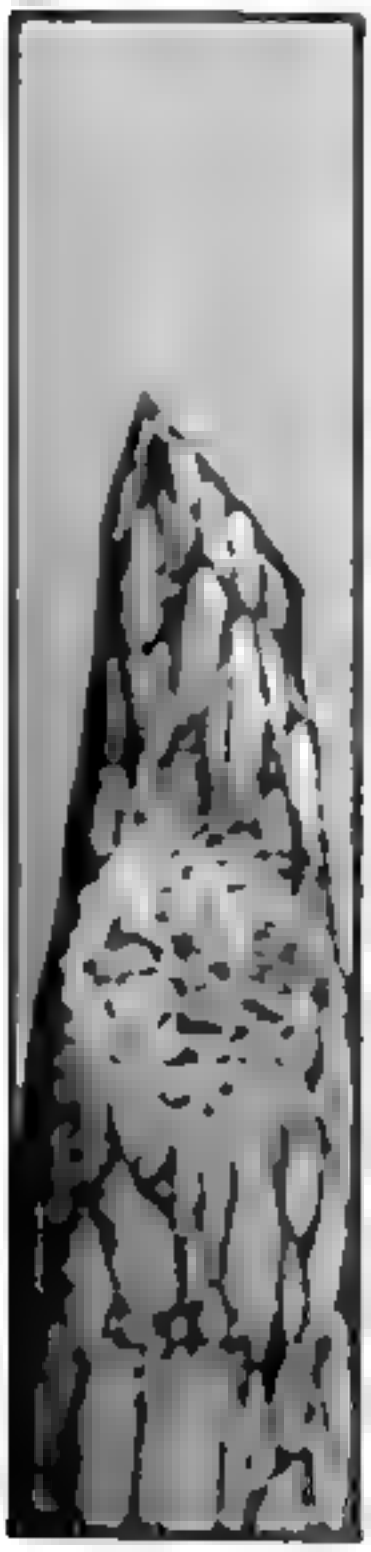
U-USHIO AND TORA WERE SWEPT AWAY IN ANOTHER DIREC-TION!

KAGA RI!

RAI-SHIN!

THANK GOOD-NESS!

THEY'RE STILL DOWN THERE!!



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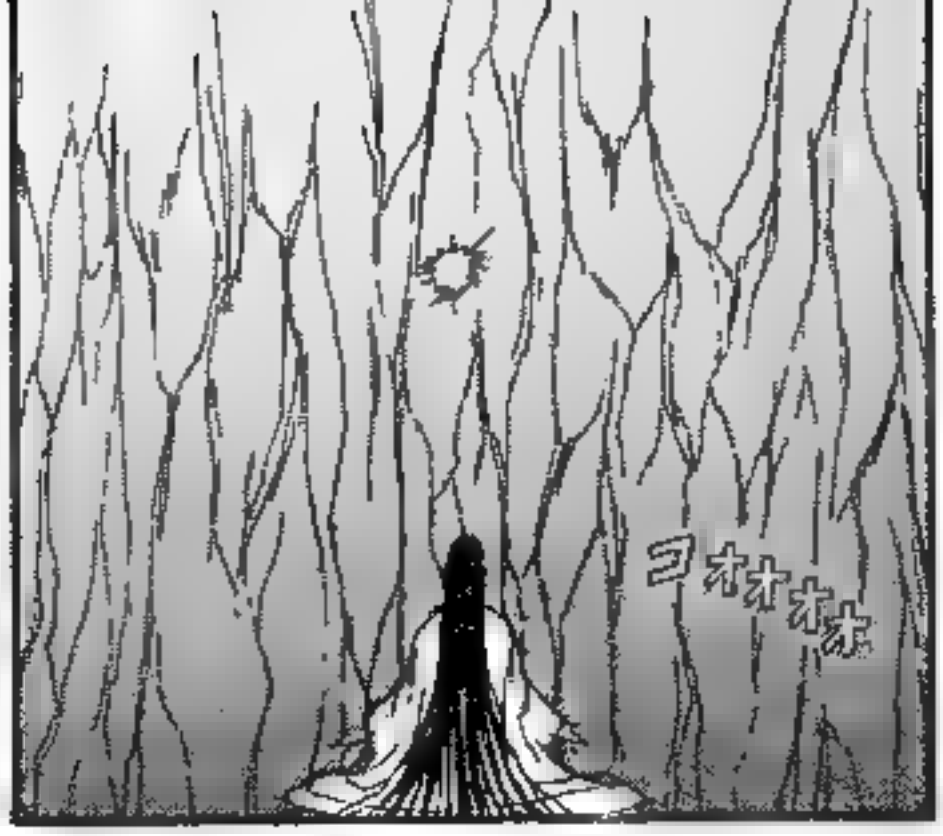
SOMEONE'S HOLDING A LITTLE BARRIER UP

IS SHE REALLY IN THERE? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.

I-IT'S MY MOTHER ..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The End of the War for a Time

YOU'VE BOUND ME IN AN INSTANT IN A BARRIER 20 TIMES STRONGER THAN A NORMAL ONE . HOWEVER,

RELEASING THAT MUCH POWER, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS BARRIER UP FOR LONG.

A YEAR? HALF A YEAR?

OR EVEN SHORTER PERHAPS?

IN ANY EVENT,

I WILL SOON FLY FROM YOUR BARRIER!

HA HA HA HA! BAKEMONO! HUMANS!!

SOON!

SOON I WILL DESTROY YOU ALL!

THE GREAT HAKUMEN WILL LIVE AGAIN!

HOWEVER NO MONO WAS TOO STRONG.
WE WERE UTTERLY DEFEATED

OUR ATTACKS WERE NOTHING TO IT...

OUR MADUCHIS' BARRIERS WERE NOTHING AGAINST ITS POWER.

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THESE ARE THE BARRIER-CREATING BAKEMONO WE OF THE EAST HAVE MADE.

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EASTERN OSA...

IT WAS JUST AS YOU SAID...

LOOK, WEST...

800 YEARS AGO, OUR BATTLE DROVE HAKUMEN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA HERE...

BUT EVEN WITH THEM, WE COULDN'T ATTACK HAKUMEN

SO THEY WERE EFFECTIVE ENOUGH TO SAVE THE WESTERN BAKEMONO FROM THE STORM

THEY'RE FASTER THAN THE MADUCHI. .

EVEN WITH HUMANS AND THE RAKEMONO OF THIS COUNTRY WORKING TOGETHER

OUR FIGHT DID NOT DEFEAT HAKUMEN COMPLETELY.

THERE WAS NO WAY TO WIN AGAINST HAKUMEN.

WITH ONLY RAKEMONO LFT ALONE WITHOUT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST.

NO.

THAT IDIOT AND THE SPEAR KID HAVEN'T COME UP YET?!

I'M GOING TOO!

KEH! I STILL HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH NAGATOBI-MARU!!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WHEN MADUCHI BROKE, THEY WERE SWEPT ANOTHER WAY ALONG THE OCEAN BOTTOM~

THEY MAY STILL BE INSIDE THE STORM OF THAT BARRIER!

WHAT'S WRONG, KAGARI?

AH!

WORTHLESS LITTLE SHITS...

KEH!

WE DIDN'T BEAT IT.
CH, DAMN HAKU-MEN,

HOOOH!
WE CAME TO STOP THIS FIGHT!

WHATEVER YOU SAY!
WHEN I GOT IN FRONT OF HAKU-MEN, GIRYOU-SAN'S VOICE CAME FLOWING OUT OF THE SPEAR... AND THEN I JUST-
WELL IT ALL JUST HAPPENED ON ITS OWN!

WHO WAS IT THAT FREAKED OUT WHEN THEY GOT IN FRONT OF HAKU-MEN AND GOT MORE CAUGHT UP IN THE FIGHT THAN ANYONE, HUH?

BUT YOU CAN'T NOT FIGHT HAKU-MEN, RIGHT?

BASICALLY, WHEN YOU FIGHT HAKU-MEN, GIRYOU'S HATRED IS GOING TO SUCK YOU IN...

CHEH, THE GHOST GIRL!

JIE MEI-SAN!

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USHIO... PLEASE FORGIVE MY BROTHER...

I CAN ONLY HOLD THE BEAST SPEAR FOR A SHORT TIME TO ALLOW YOU TO RETURN TO YOURSELF.

EVEN I, CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT MY BROTHER'S HATRED.

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AND I...CAN DO NOTHING...

IS THE SOURCE OF THE BEAST SPEAR'S STRENGTH...

MY BROTHER'S INTENSE ANGER

MO-THER...

FATHER ...

AND ME TOO MUCH.

MY BROTHER LOVED...

JIE MEI-SAN...

CANNOT ANSWER THAT.

I...

IT CAN'T BE...

IS THAT... SUCH A BAD THING?

ONLY FOUR MONTHS.

TO DO THAT, SUMAKO RELEASED ALL THE POWER SHE WOULD HAVE USED TO CONTINUE HOLDING THE OLD BARRIER...

A GREAT-?

IS USING A GREAT BARRIER TO SEAL HAKUMEN FOR NOW.

USHIO, YOUR MOTHER

LIKELY...

SHE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO HOLD HAKUMEN INSIDE THE BARRIER FOR A SHORT TIME.

FOUR MONTHS IS TOO SOON!

YOU IDIOT!

IN FOUR MONTHS, HAKUMEN WILL BE FREE AGAIN.

TAKE HEART...

THEN YOUR MOTHER AND YOUR FRIEND HERE...

FOUR MONTHS ...

LEAVE THAT TO YOU, TORA?

THIS LITTLE BOOGER WILL NEVER BE STRONG ENOUGH BY THEN!

B-BOOGER!?

THEN MAY I...

TORA...

USHIO...

O! WAIT !!

GHOSTS DON'T ASK BAKEMONO FOR FAVORS, MORON!!

FORGIVE MY BROTHER...

PLEASE ...

.....

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OHH... SHE'S GONE.

AH-

...

EXCEPT FOR YOU...

EVERY-THING SURE IS QUIET...

WHAT!?

I'M A BAKE-MONO DON'T SAY "TO-GETHER"

LOOKS LIKE WE ALWAYS END UP TOGETHER.

WHAT NOW...

TORA...

AND WHEN WE WENT TO AN-CIENT CHINA,

WE WERE TO-GETHER.

ON THE JOURNEY TO HOKKAIDOU TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY MOTHER,

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PSY CH!!

I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO COME AND SAVE ME!

A BUNCH OF CRAP FOR ME! I CAN'T BELIEVE I, OF ALL PEOPLE, AM GOING TO SUCH TROUBLE TO EAT SOME DAMNED LITTLE SHIT!

HEH. ME TOO.

SCREW THIS. I'M TOO TIRED NOW.

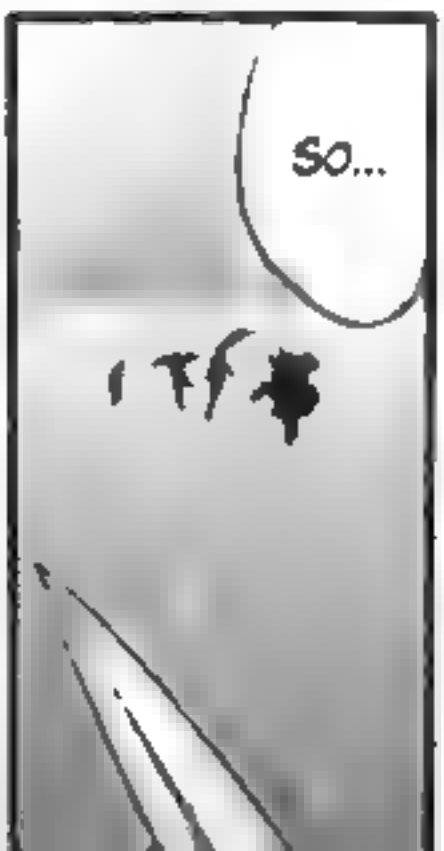
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO EAT ME NOW!?

BUT THE NEXT TIME HAKUMEN COMES FORTH, DURING THE FINALLY BATTLE...

WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
NOTH-ING~

OW~
YOUR METHODS ARE THE DREGS OF SNEAKI-NESS~

IN THE END.. WE'LL MOST LIKELY BE FIGHT-ING TOGETHER... EH?
FUHN.


SO...

IT'S REALLY POWERFUL...BUT WHEN THE BEAST SPEAR CUT IT, THERE WAS A REAC-TION.

I DO.. TORA..
OPTIMISTIC AS ALWAYS. YOU PLAN ON BEATING HAKUMEN THEN?

WE'LL DO IT IF EVERYONE PUTS THEIR STRENGTH TO-GETHER!!

SO, CER-TAINLY,

BUT IT IS 2300 YEAR OLD WEAPON, A HOLY BLADE HAUNTED BY HUMAN HATRED.

TERRI-FYING...

HUMAN HATRED, EH?

A HUMAN WHOSE FAMILY WAS KILLED BY HAKUMEN NO MONO...

IT HAS LONG BEEN SAID THAT THE BEAST SPEAR IS A SPEAR TO KILL BAKE-MONO.

THE BEAST SPEAR'S TRUE TARGET IS HAKU-MEN NO MONO.

BUT THAT'S JUST A BYPRODUCT OF ITS RAGE TOWARD HAKUMEN

THE SPEAR IS SENSITIVE TO INSTANCES OF BAKEMONO KILL-ING HUMANS.

AND SO... THAT SPEAR IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL PIERCE HAKUMEN.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, WEST...

I AM SORRY ...

WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WIN...

WITH AOTSUKI USHIO AS OUR TACTICAL AD-VANTAGE

IF WE HAD COOPERATED, FAST AND WEST, AS YOU WANTED,

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WITH THE HUMANS ..

THERE'S THE TASK OF FORMING A COMMON WAR FRONT

WE STILL HAVE ONE CHALLENGE LEFT TO US.

BESIDES,

AS WE DID IN THE BATTLE 800 YEARS AGO...

YES... DESTROYING HA-KUMEN FOR GOOD IS NOT ONLY USHIO'S ROLE... WE MUST JOIN FORCES WITH THE HUMANS.

WITH THE HUMANS?

CAN WE DO IT?

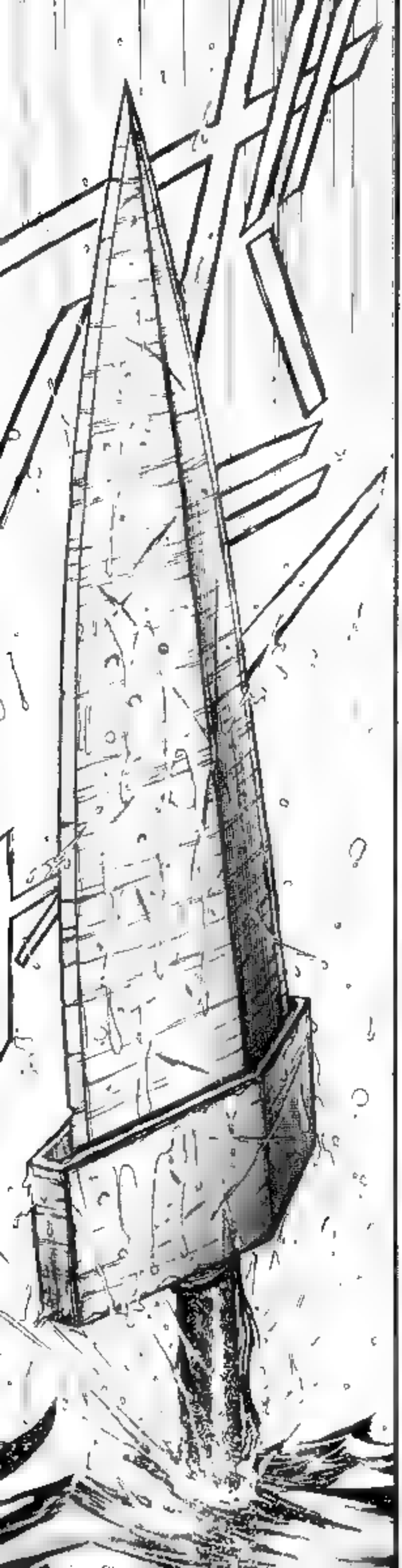
WHAT DO YOU THINK .. SHINNO ?

YES, JUST SO.

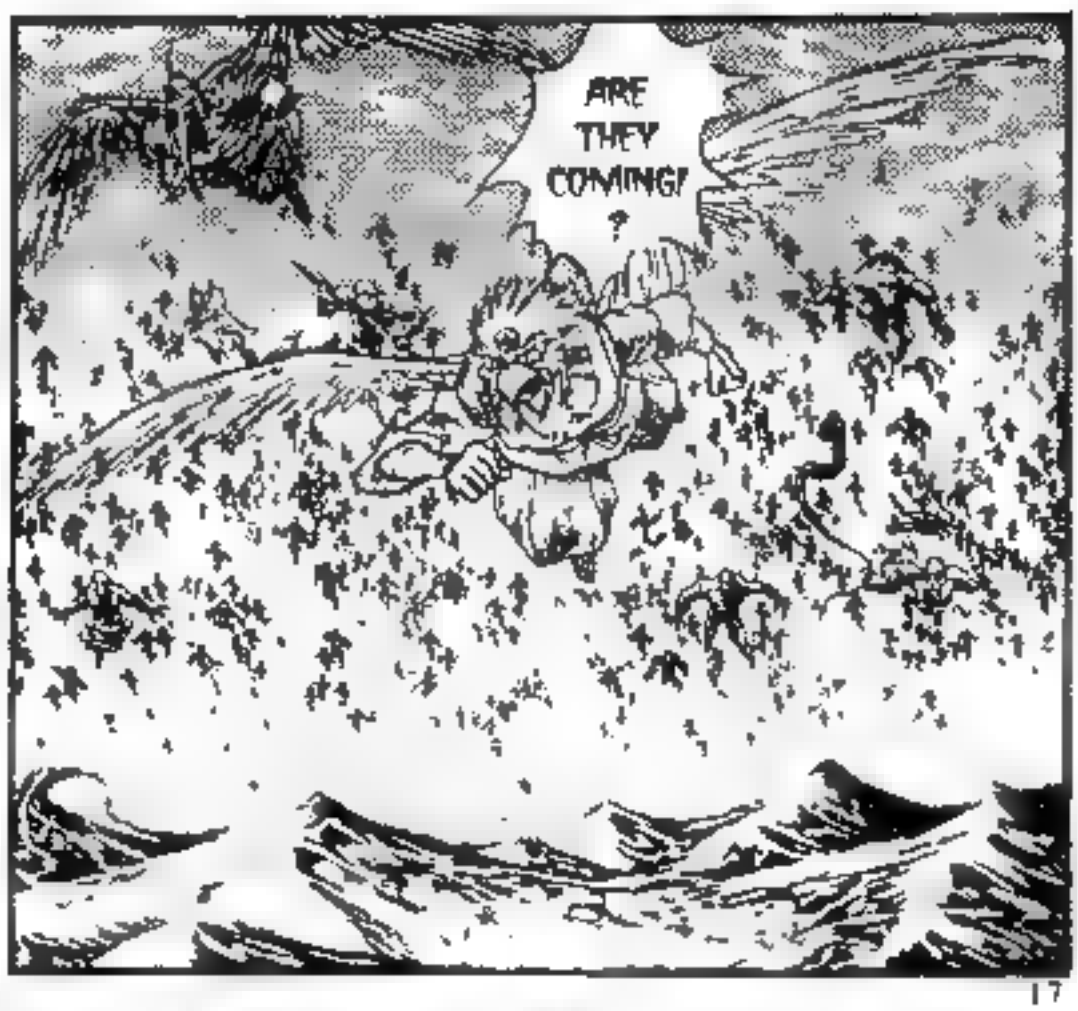
FUH. . EASTERN OSA... YAMAN-MOTO

AS I WAS LONG AGO, I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT SO...

...BUT NOW, I DO.



THEY'RE COMING UP!


ARE THEY COMING?

WE CAN BEAT HAKU-MEN NO MONO!

YES, I DO.

IF THERE
ARE
HUMANS
LIKE THIS
ONE"

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Chapter 35
Full Moon

第三十五章
「滿月」

1ST ENTRY- IT WAS A FULL MOON NIGHT ON IRIOMOTE ISLAND.

THE MOON OF THE ISLAND WAS VERY BEAUTI-FUL...

WE KIJI-MUN CAME OUT FROM THE BANYAN TREE WE LIVE IN,

FROM THE MANGROVE FOREST BY THE BIG RIVER, TO GAZE AT THE MOON.

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2ND ENTRY: THERE WAS A LITTLE HUMAN BABY.

3RD ENTRY: THE MAJI-MUN OF THE BIG RIVER MUST HAVE.

WE KNEW WHO HAD DONE IT.

WE HURRIED TO FISH THE WOODEN BOAT OUT OF THE WATER.

A KANI MAJI-MUN*...

EVEN IN SUCH A BIG RIVER, IT WAS A NASTY ONE.

*CRAB DEMON, TRADITIONAL OKINAWAN MONSTER

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SO IT CAN EAT THE BABY.

AND PLACES IT IN A LITTLE WOODEN BOAT TO BRING THE BABY TO ITS LAIR,

ON THE NIGHT OF A FULL MOON, IT USES A STRANGE POWER TO TAKE A BABY FROM A HUMAN HOME,

IF WE GOT IN ITS WAY AND MADE IT ANGRY,

IT WOULD FLOOD THE RIVER AND DESTROY THE TREES, EVERY ROOT AND BRANCH.

4TH ENTRY: IT HAD HAPPENED MANY, MANY TIMES BEFORE.

WE WOULDN'T HAND HIM OVER, NO MATTER WHAT.

BUT THE BABY LOOKED LIKE THE MOON...

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AND WE HEARD HE WAS FAIR WITH BAKEMONO, SO WE THOUGHT HE COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

THE LORD OF THE CASTLE, SHINNO-SAN, WAS FRIGHTENING BUT POWERFUL,

WE DECIDED TO VISIT THE SKY MANSION IN TAKACHIHO IN KYUUSHUU.

HE WOULDN'T COME OUT.

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THEN, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE BABY?

THINK-ING ABOUT IT, IT SEEMED HOPE-LESS.

EVERYONE WAS TIRED AND WOULDN'T COME OUT TO HEAR OUR TROUBLES.

5TH ENTRY: WE'D HEARD ALL THE BAKEMONO HAD FOUGHT TO-GETHER NEAR OUR ISLAND.

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LIWAAAAAHH!

LIWAH! YOU'RE TICKING ME OFF!

LIWAAH! DAMN IT, STOP!

6TH ENTRY: THE ONE WHO OPENED THE GATE WAS...

THE GATE OPENED

A WEIRD BAKEMONO.

HUH?

WHO IS IT?

WAH! THE GATE'S OPENING!

REALLY? WELL, EVERYONE'S SLEEPING...THIS IS MY FIRST TIME STAYING OVER HERE.

WE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD COME TO ASK A FAVOR OF SHINNO-SAN.

SOME TOTALLY IDIOTIC LOSER LIVING AT THE SKY MANSION...

7TH ENTRY: WE'D NEVER HEARD OF HIM BEFORE.

UWAH!

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THIS MUST BE SOME LOW LEVEL BAKEMONO.

WE THOUGHT ...

WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO JUST DROP IN!?

KEH KEH KEH KEH KEH KEH!

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QUIET! QUIT MAKING THOSE WEIRD HANDS AT THEM!

EVEN ITS CLAWS SEEMED TO BRIM WITH POWER.

ITS HAIR-

8TH ENTRY: THAT BAKE-MONO SHINING WITH GOLD LIGHT... LOOKED REALLY POWERFUL.

HAS GOTTEN ME INTO SO MUCH CRAP!

ALL YOUR WHEEDLING

ALL RIGHT ALREADY! NOTHING YOU SAY'S GOING TO GET ME TO GIVE YOU A RIDE!

I WON'T BE ANY GOOD IF I'M DEAD, RIGHT?

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING HOW I'M THE FOOD YOU'RE PLANNING TO EAT, RIGHT?

COME ON! SO QUICK TO THREATEN ME WITH THE BEAST SPEAR-

YOU'VE GOTTEN INTO REAL TROUBLE PICKING FIGHTS FOR FUN, HAVEN'T YOU?

AH!

YOU DECIDED TO GO AGAINST HAKUMEN NO MONO ON YOUR OWN!

9TH ENTRY: THE TWO OF THEM SEEMED TO BE ON VERY BAD TERMS.

SO, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

CH! I GOT IT! QUIT THE CROCODILE TEARS!

YOU'RE SO MEAN TO ME!

WAAA

AS WE FLEW, WE EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO THE TWO BAKEMONO.

WHY DO I HAVE TO FLY ALL THE WAY TO IRIOMOTE ISLAND TWICE!?

WHICH THE STRONG-LOOKING GOLDEN BAKE-MONO WAS WEAK AGAINST...

10TH ENTRY: IT SEEMED THE STUPID ONE HAD A SILVER SPEAR...

FIINE!

DAMMIT, DO IT!

Don't wanna

TORA, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY, JUST GO!!

9

BUT HE WAS CUTE.

OH, YEAH...YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SAVE THE BABY.

SOME-THING REALLY STRANGE WAS GOING ON.

YEAH, THAT'S IT.

THAT WEIRD BAKEMONO LOOKED AT THE BABY AND SMILED.

THE SILVER SPEAR BAKEMONO AND THE GOLD BAKEMONO WENT OUT TO THE RIVER WHERE THE KANNAJIMIN LIVES.

STAY OVER THERE, SO YOU DON'T GET IN THE WAY.

11TH ENTRY: AS THEY DID, SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS HAPPENED.

THE BAKE-MONO WITH THE SPEAR, SWEET BUT STUPID UP TO THAT POINT,

CHANGED BEFORE OUR EYES.

I WON'T FORGIVE THIS, KIJI-MUN!

DON'T GET IN THE WAY OF MY FULL MOON SMACK!

DAMN YOU!" THAT'S MY FOOD!

I WON'T FORGIVE THE ONES WHO CAME TO HELP THE KIJIMUN!

WE HADN'T SEEN THE KANIMA-JIMUN FOR A LONG TIME

AND IT LOOKED MANY TIMES STRONGER THAN WHEN WE'D SEEN IT BEFORE.

I GOT IT!

LET'S GO!!

BUT ...

WE ALL THOUGHT THE TWO BAKEMONO WOULD END UP GETTING KILLED QUICKLY.

SON OF A-!

WHO ARE YOU!?

DAM MIT~!

KIEH!!

IF YOU'D EATEN THAT BABY-

DAMN YOU!!

12TH ENTRY: THEY BEAT IT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.

HAH... HHHHH!!

COULDN'T LIVE WITH HER-SELF!

THE BABY'S MOTHER -

THEY WERE AMAZING TO-GETHER.

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YOU SEEM SHORT OF BREATH

SHUT UP YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS GOING TO WET HIMSELF

13TH ENTRY: WE'D NEVER SEEN SUCH STRONG BAKEMONO.

GREAT.

WE COULD ASK THE PLANTS AND THEY WOULD KNOW.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT BABY'S HOME IS?

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BUT, AFTER ALL THAT RUCKUS, HE'S STILL SLEEPING QUIETLY!

SFX: GIGGLE GIGGLE

HE'S SAYING "THANK YOU" TO YOU GUYS!

HEY, HE'S SMILING AT YOU GUYS!

AH, HE LAUGHED, HE LAUGHED!

THE BABY'S DEFI-NITELY TALKING.

YEAH,

HUH!? HE'S SAYING SOME-THING TO US...

AS THE STRANGE BAKE-MONO SAID THIS AND LAUGHED, THE HUGE FULL MOON FLOATED IN HIS EYE.

WITH THE MOON IN HIS EYES!

ONE WAS GOLDEN, AND THE OTHER...

14TH ENTRY: WE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH BEAUTI-FUL BAKE-MONO BEFORE.

15TH ENTRY
THE NEXT MORNING, THE FATHER, TIRED FROM SEARCHING.

AND THE MOTHER, EYES RED FROM CRYING, FOUND THEIR BABY IN FRONT OF THE ENTRYWAY

INSIDE THE LITTLE WOODEN BOAT HE'D RIDDEN IN WAS A TINY NUT.

SOME OLD TOYS.

A SINGLE GOLDEN HAIR.

AND ALSO.

A FEW SPLINTERS OF THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON

FROM THE TAKACHIHO SKUIMANSION NIGHTWATCH JOURNAL

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LOVE YOU SAKI-CHAN!!

Second Character Popularity Poll

Don Don!

Para Para!

I WILL BE YOUR GUIDE, UNGAI-KYOU NO ONJI! REMEMBER ME?

TORA!!

SO, LET'S GO! TO THE SHIMING #1 RANK!

THIS TIME! THIS TIME! I'LL BE #1! I'M SO EXCITED!

WHY AM I ALWAYS BELOW YOU!!

QUIET! MORE IMPORTANTLY, I SHOULD HURRY UP AND EAT YOU!!

1ST PLACE (UNMOVED) TORA

2541票

#2 PLACE (UNFORTUNATELY) AOTSUKI USHIO

2010票

GO TO THE NEXT! NEXT!

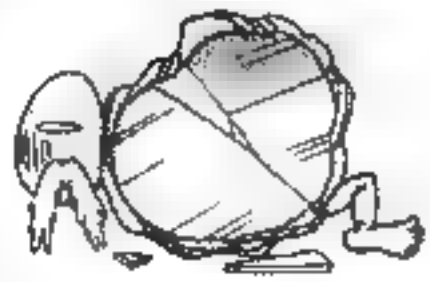
#3 INOUE MAYUKO (UP 2) 798 VOTES!!

SHE WORE A WEDDING DRESS IN CHAPTER 30 "FOOLS GATHER AT A PARTY" AND WE SAW HER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THEN THEY SHOWED HER ROOM! IT'S NATURAL SHE WENT UP IN THE RANKS!

TORA, SHE'D BRING ME A LOT MORE HAPPINESS THAN TO YOU!

#4 IZUNA (UP 4) 680 VOTES

"DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME JUST CUZ I'M A SMALL ANIMAL. I'M NOT JUST CUTE!!"



#5 NAMAMURA ASAKO (1 DOWN) 520 VOTES!

SHE LOST OUT TO MAYUKO-CHAN, BUT SHE'S GOOD AT COOKING CHINESE FOOD AND WILL PROTECT YOU IN A CRUNCH! SHE'S A STRONG YOUNG WOMAN!

THIS WAKE-UP TACTIC IS A LITTLE HARSH~

#6 AOTSUKI SHIGURE (UP 1) 476 VOTES

AS THE STORY CONTINUED, SHIGURE'S CHARMS HAVE GRADUALLY COME TO LIGHT. FROM HERE, HE GETS SOME COOL SCENES, BUT HE'LL GET EVEN MORE FUNNY SCENES.

#7 HYOU (DOWN 4) 336 VOTES

DESPITE NOT GETTING HIS TURN ANY TIME LATELY, HYOU REMAINS A THREAT AT #7. WELL, FANS, HYOU'S STORY WILL CONTINUE ON FROM HERE.

#8 AKIBA NAGARE (UP 2) 280 VOTES

THE EVER GO-AT-MY-OWN-PACE HOU-RIKISOU. SPLENDIDLY WELL-SUITED TO A COMBO WITH TORA, EVEN HIS PERSONALITY HAS GOTTEN A POLISH, AND HIS POPULAR-ITY IS UP...IF HE DOES SAY SO HIMSELF

A QUICK RISE FROM #39! #9

LOVEYOU Everyone, yahoo!

HE LOOKS REALLY HAPPY!

FUJITA KAZUHIRO 206 VOTES

THE REAL GUY IS IN TOTAL ECSTACY, GUYS, BUT HE'S BECOME A COMPLETE SPOILED BRAT...

#10 KAGARI (DOWN 1) 185 VOTES

THE YOUNGER SISTER OF THE KAMAITACHI SIBLINGS. MY, BUT SHE GETS PRETTIER JUST WHILE I'M LOOKING AT HER... I'VE KNOWN HER SINCE SHE WAS A YOUNGSTER AND I JUST WANT HER TO GET A NICE HUSBAND AND HAVE SOME HEALTHY KIDS... HOW'S THAT SOUND, KAGARI?

New Entries!

#11 KIRIO 154 VOTES
#13 KUJI 128 VOTES

THEY'RE MAKING NEW FRIENDS ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP TEN!

#12 HINOWA (UP 8!!) 148 VOTES

EVERYONE IS OVERWHELMED BY HINOWA'S POWER"!

#14 SAYA (DOWN 8) 96 VOTES

TOO BAD, HONEY. YOU JUST HAVEN'T HAD MANY TURNS IN THE SPOTLIGHT. DON'T MIND IT!

THANK YOU!

#15 RAISHIN (DOWN 3) 83 VOTES

I HATE HAVING TO CONSOLE HIM...

#16 NEW SHIDARA MINOO 71 VOTES

LIKE HINOWA, SHE SHOWED OFF A LOT OF SKIN...

#17 JIC MEI 56 VOTES (UP 1)

SHE'S WORKING HARD, EVEN AFTER BECOMING A GHOST.

#18 JUUROU 54 VOTES (DOWN 8)

LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S FORGOTTEN HIS SAD STORY...

#45 NEW OGEDOU-SAN 9 VOTES

#19 FUSUMA 48 VOTES

5 RANKS DOWN BUT HIS POPULARITY IS PRETTY DEEP-SEATED FOR AN ENEMY YOUKAI. WHY FOR SUCH A WEIRDO...

#20 THE BEAST SPEAR 47 VOTES (UP 1)

SO. THE..THING THAT'S MADE TO KILL US IS.. POPULAR?

#62 HIYAMA YUU (DOWN 36)

#21 MORITSUNA SATORU 44 VOTES (UP 5)

THIS PRETTY-FACED SOMETIMES-IDIOT IS POPULAR!?

NEW, TIED FOR #21 SATORI 44 VOTES

AT THE SAD END I'M SURE EVERYONE CRIER.

NEW #23 SHIZURI 40 VOTES

THANKS GOODNESS SHE BECAME HUMAN. INCIDENTALLY, HER BOYFRIEND IS #39 WITH 12 VOTES...

#28 MORITSUNA JUN

#24 KAGAMI (UP 3)

WHY'S HE MORE POPULAR THAN ME!?

#27 UNGAIKYOU 28 VOTES (DOWN 14)

IN THE END, I'M #27...

LOWER THAN THOSE TWO...

#26 KATAYAMA

UWAAAAAH!

I CAN PLAY THE GUITAR!

WAH HA HA HA HA!

THIS IS THE "WHY THE HECK DID YOU PICK THAT!?" CORNER. SOME REALLY WEIRD THINGS GOT VOTES... AND I DIDN'T!

VITAI 418 17 VOTES
427 9 VOTES

I'M 427!!

THERE'S THE PROBLEM. WHICH ONE IS 418 AND WHICH IS 427?

SMASH-KUN 2 VOTES

NAGARE'S BIKE 1 VOTES

CREAM PAN 2 VOTES

WHY DOES THE "GETTING EATEN" SIDE GET ONLY 1 VOTE!

ANT 1 VOTE

ANT LION 8 VOTES

WAH HA HA! I WIN!

THERE ARE EVEN THINGS IN HERE THAT AREN'T CHARAC-TERS AT ALL!

VOLUME 20 CHAPTER 32 2 BOYS IN THE COMIC 1 VOTE

GIORGIO DE MONTE SHOSTAKOVICH THE 3RD 3 VOTES

HIM AND HANG DOLLS 1 VOTES

POKKE 2 BIKE 3 VOTES

FUJITA ICHIROU 1 VOTE

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND MY STYLE SENSE!

F15 1 VOTE

JET SALAD RAMEN 1 VOTE

I LOST TO A CREAM PAN...

KIRIO'S GUARD 1 VOTE (THE GOLEM-LIKE THING)

NOT "GOLEM-LIKE", A GOLEM !!!

ANZAI HITACHI NO SUKEKAKI EMON 2 VOTES

MADROS BURGER 3 VOTES

A VIC-TORY FOR THE FOOD CATE-GORY!

THANKS, EVERYONE, FOR YOU COOPERA-TION. I LOVE-LOVE YOU !!

HAH HAH!

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スポーツもせねばな。

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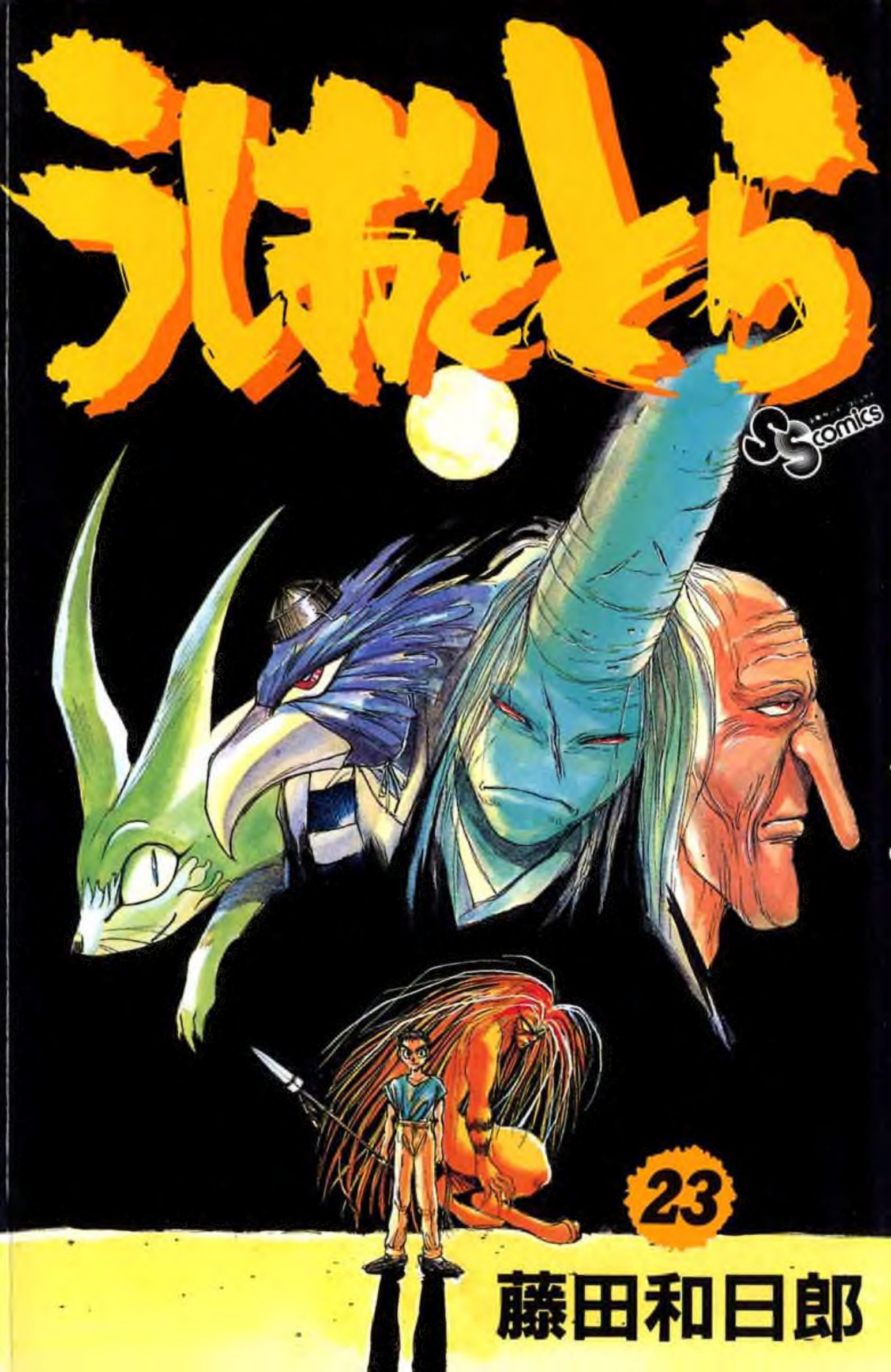

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